

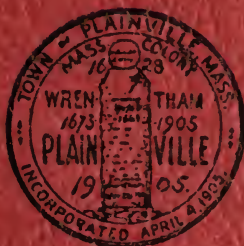
# **Fifty-first Annual Report**

of the

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

of

**PLAINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS**



**For the Year Ending December 31st**

**1955**

## PLAINVILLE FIRE ALARM

C. E. SKINNER, JR., *Chief*

3	Emergency — Police Call	118	Evergreen Road & School St.
4	Forest Fire	119	Crestwood Ave. & School St.
5	Fire Station	121	Highland Ave. & East Bacon St.
6	Center of Town	122	Hillcrest Drive & East Bacon St.
7	South & Cottage Sts.	135	High School
8	South & Maple Sts.	145	Methodist Church
9	South St. & Bacon Square	151	Dominican Academy (Private)
12	South & Pleasant Sts.	155	Saint Martha's Church
13	Assembly Hall	211	James & East Bacon Sts.
14	South & Bugbee Sts.	212	George & Messinger Sts.
15	South & Everett Sts.	213	George & East Bacon Sts.
16	Spring & School Sts.	214	Swald & James Sts.
17	Spring & Broad Sts.	215	George & Swald Sts.
18	Pleasant & Cottage Sts.	216	George & School Sts.
19	Pleasant & East Bacon Sts.	217	George & Wampum
21	Washington St., No. Attle. Line	218	Berry St., Wrentham Line
23	Washington & Bugbee Sts.	221	Wilkins' Four Corners (Rt. 106 & 152)
24	Washington & East Bacon Sts.	223	Taunton & Shepard Sts.
25	Washington & George Sts.	224	Taunton & Mirimichi Sts.
26	Washington & Shepard Sts.	225	Taunton & Cowell Sts.
27	Washington & Taunton Sts.	226	Taunton St., Wrentham Line
28	Washington & Belcher Sts.	231	Messinger St. & Hillside Road
29	Belcher & Madison Sts.	242	Mirimichi St., Treasure Island
31	South & Fuller Sts.	243	Mirimichi St., Foxboro Line
32	South & Robbins Sts.	311	South & Harvard Sts.
34	South & Cross Sts.	312	Grant St. & Park Ave.
35	Lynn Ave. & Wades Road	313	Grant St. & Huntington Ave.
36	Cross St. & Lynn Ave.	314	Garfield St. & Park Ave.
41	West Bacon St. & Bacon Square	315	South & State Sts.
42	West Bacon & Fletcher Sts.	316	Pearl St. & Park Ave.
43	West Bacon St. & Mathurin Road	317	Pearl St. & Huntington Ave.
45	West Bacon & Walnut Sts.	318	South & Berry Sts.
46	West Bacon & Warren Sts.	321	South St. & Monroe Drive
47	West Bacon & Zeller Ave.	322	Monroe Drive & Walter St.
48	West Bacon & Freemont Sts.	323	Laurel & June Sts.
49	Sidney St. & Cooney Ave.	325	South St. & Pineland Drive
61	Plainville Stock Co. (Private)	331	South & Green Sts.
62	A & J Tool Co.	332	High & Green Sts.
63	Glines & Rhodes	334	High & Chestnut Sts.
64	Whiting & Davis Co.	335	High & Cross Sts.
65	Bugbee & Niles Co.	411	Walnut & Fuller Sts.
67	Plainville Coal Co.	412	Walnut & High Sts.
68	Rogers Rest Home	413	Hancock & High Sts.
71	Plainville Machine & Tool	414	Hancock & Bow Sts.
72	George E. Clentimack Co.	415	Hancock St., Wrentham Line
112	Pleasant & Melcher Sts.	416	High & Rhodes Sts.
113	Out of Town	417	Rhodes & Bow Sts.
114	Grove & Brunner Sts.	421	Warren & High Sts.
115	Elementary School (Private)	422	Hawkins & High Sts.
116	Grove St. & Lincoln Ave.	423	Hawkins St., Cumberland Line
117	Grove & School Sts.	424	Hawkins St., North Attleboro Line

### 2 RECALL

IN CASE OF FIRE OR AN EMERGENCY — DIAL 9-2311

*Chief*

C. E. Skinner, Jr., Tel. Home 5-5762

*Deputy Chief*

R. Rammel, Tel. Home 9-4804

*Deputy Chief*

D. E. McAlpine, Tel. Home 9-8318

FIRE STATION: For all calls other than fire or emergency  
Dial 5-5252

### NO SCHOOL SIGNALS

- 7:30 A.M. Three double blasts on Fire Alarm System signifies no school for all pupils for the day.
- 7:45 A.M. Same signal signifies no school for Elementary School pupils.
- 11:45 A.M. Same signal signifies no school in the afternoon and all pupils will stay in school one hour longer than the usual morning session and then be dismissed for the day.

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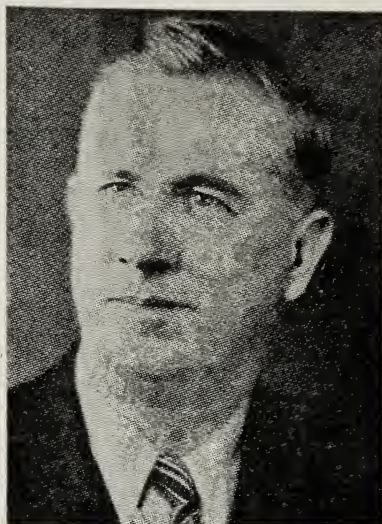
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The North Attleborough Chronicle Company

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## In Memoriam



CLARENCE F. TELFORD

PARK COMMISSIONER

From 1930 to 1951

MODERATOR — 1948

MEMBER MASS. GENERAL COURT

From 1940 to January 1955

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# TOWN OFFICERS

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MODERATOR—*One Year*  
CHARLES O. PEASLEY

TOWN CLERK—*One Year*  
ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
CHARLES S. COBB, Assistant Clerk

TOWN TREASURER—*Three Years*  
EDWARD E. OSTERHOLM, Term expires 1956

## SELECTMEN, WELFARE BOARD *and* BOARD OF HEALTH

LeROY B. WILSON	Term expires 1956
ARTHUR W. WASHBURN	Term expires 1957
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.	Term expires 1958

## ASSESSORS

SYDNEY J. ANDREWS	Term expires 1956
FRANK V. HENRICH	Term expires 1957
CHARLES J. QUIRK	Term expires 1958

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ROBERT W. ROOT	Term expires 1956
CHARLES O. PEASLEY	Term expires 1956
HELEN A. SMITH	Term expires 1957
MELVIN V. CHEVERS	Term expires 1958
MARY V. PROAL	Term expires 1958

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

DAVID B. LOMASNEY	Term expires 1956
GORDON S. PROAL	Term expires 1957
SHELDON E. SMITH	Term expires 1958

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

BARBARA P. FLUCK	Term expires 1956
ALICE M. PEASE	Term expires 1957
RALPH L. POWER	Term expires 1958

TAX COLLECTOR—*Three Years*  
THEODORE A. WICKMAN Term expires 1956

## REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

EDWARD H. HEMMINGSEN	Term expires 1957
CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.	Term expires 1958

## PARK COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT J. FAWCETT	Term expires 1956
ARTHUR W. MYERS, JR.	Term expires 1957
AUSTIN F. GRANT	Term expires 1958

AUDITOR—*One Year*

LAWRENCE H. CARPENTER

CONSTABLES—*One Year*

ELMER C. PEASE	CLARENCE P. AVERY
HERBERT A. MORSE	

TREE WARDEN—*One Year*

ALEC H. FREDRICKSON

FENCE VIEWERS *and* FIELD DRIVERS—*One Year*

ELMER C. PEASE	
CLARENCE P. AVERY	HERBERT A. MORSE

MEASURERS OF WOOD, BARK *and* LUMBER

GEORGE H. SNELL	HARRY O. PROAL
FRANCIS W. SIMMONS	EVERETT W. SKINNER

## APPOINTED BY FIRE ENGINEERS

## Chief of Fire Department

CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.

## APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

## Acting Chief of Police

ELMER C. PEASE

## Superintendent of Streets

EVERETT W. SKINNER

**Fire Engineers**

CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.

ALTON E. FRENCH (resigned)      ROBERT H. RAMMEL  
DONALD E. McALPINE**Building Code Committee**CLINTON E. BARTON      CHARLES R. MASON  
HARLIE E. THOMPSON**Forest Warden**

CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.

**Official Weigher and Sealer of Weights and Measures**

ADRIAN G. WHEELER

**Town Burial Agent**

WESLEY H. BURTON

**Director Civilian Defense**

CLAYTON E. CATE

**Special Police**

SGT. CLARENCE P. AVERY	ERNEST J. LaPORTE
CHARLES F. BREEN (resigned)	SGT. HERBERT A. MORSE
EUGENE J. BRODEUR (retired)	LEON M. PARMENTER
ROLAND E. BOUCHER	LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.
ROLAND C. CAMPBELL	ALVA I. PAULUS
WALTER L. COLEMAN	DONALD J. PECK
ROBERT D. COOK	ROBERT RAMMEL
JOHN P. COOPER (resigned)	EARL A. ROSE (resigned)
JOSEPH V. FONTAINE	EVERETT W. SKINNER (resigned)
ALTON E. FRENCH (resigned)	ARCHIE L. WALDEN
THEODORE A. WICKMAN	

STEPHEN S. GUY—New Elementary School only

HOMER C. LANGLOIS—High School Building only

LeROY F. BRODEUR—Dominican Academy only

EVERETT C. DAVIS—Beagle Club Property only

HENRY NEVEUX, SR.—(Limited)

HENRY NEVEUX, JR.—(Limited)

CHIEF—PETER J. McKEON, North Attleboro

CHIEF—WALTER HOBBS, Wrentham

**North Attleboro Officers—Special Police in Plainville**

CARL MacDONALD	JOHN O. JOHNSON
JAMES N. WATTERS	HENRY IRVINE
JOSEPH LaCASSE	GEORGE ELLIOTT
STANLEY H. LYKUS	LEO DESAUTEL
JOHN J. McCARTHY	LEROY GORDON
ROBERT MORSE	CARL BEETY
ALEXANDER GRZENDA	DANIEL BRADLEY
HENRY BIBBY	JOHN COYLE, JR.
GEORGE SCHAUERTE	WILLIAM UHLIG
JOHN CONNOLLY	WILLIAM CHARRON

**Fire Police**

GEORGE A. CLARKE	CHARLES F. BREEN, JR. (resigned)
ALVA I. PAULUS	JESSE W. FRANKLIN

**Inspector of Animals**

EARL B. THOMPSON

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

EARL B. THOMPSON

**Sanitation Inspector**

PUTNAM STEELE, E. Bridgewater

**Dog Officer**

SGT. HERBERT A. MORSE

**Moth Inspector**

ALEC H. FREDRICKSON

**Inspector of Wires**

CHARLES G. HAYES

**Registrars of Voters**

HAROLD L. ANDERSON	Term expires 1956
DACIA A. ANDERSON	Term expires 1957
RICHARD M. COBB	Term expires 1958
ARTHUR W. WASHBURN	



Night Patrolman  
ERNEST J. LAPORTE

Welfare Agent and Clerk of Selectmen  
RUTH R. FULTON

Town Physician  
MAURICE D. GRANT, M.D.

**Town Forest Committee**

HARRY O. PROAL	Term expires 1956
GEORGE H. SNELL	Term expires 1957
EDGAR F. BERRY (deceased)	Term expires 1958

**APPOINTMENT AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**Advisory or Financial Committee**

RALPH E. CROWELL	ALPIN CHISHOLM (resigned)
OLIVER P. BROWN	ARTHUR W. WASHBURN
CHARLES F. BREEN, JR. (resigned)	EDWARD E. OSTERHOLM
	MILES E. HOOKER

# Town Clerk's Report

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## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL STATE PRIMARY

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1955 A. D.

### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Plainville,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in their High School Building

TUESDAY, THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF FEBRUARY,  
A. D., 1955

at 6:30 o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following office:

ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT for 9th  
Norfolk Representative District.

The polls will be open from 6:30 A. M. to 8 P. M.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this Twenty-sixth day of January, A. D. 1955.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
LEROY B. WILSON  
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.

Selectmen of Plainville

A True Copy: Feb. 5, 1955

Attest:

HERBERT A. MORSE,  
Constable of Plainville

Feb. 5, 1955

Plainville, ss.

I hereby certify that I have posted 7 Copies of this Warrant in seven public places in the Town of Plainville at least 7 days before the time of said Primary Election.

HERBERT A. MORSE

Constable, Town of Plainville

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of February, 1955.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

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#### PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

A Special Primary Election was held in High School Building, Tuesday, February 15, 1955.

Ballot Clerks: Dacia Anderson and Helen Proal.

Tellers: Harold Anderson, Harriet Washburn, Richard Cobb.

Ballot Box and Police Officer: Courtland Fairbanks.

The above having been appointed by the Selectmen, were duly sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties by Town Clerk.

Warden and Election Officer: Arthur W. Washburn.

The Ballot Box was inspected, found empty, and the dials were set at zero. Box locked and key turned over to Police Officer.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting and at 6:30 a.m. the polls were declared open.

At 8 a.m. it was voted to take ballots from the box and start counting. The box registered 53 ballots.

At 8 p.m. the polls were declared closed.

The number of ballots cast were: 484, and 484 names checked on voting list; ballot box registered 484 ballots.

Republican Ballots	478
Democratic Ballots	6
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Total Ballots	484

The results of the balloting was as follows:

#### REPUBLICAN

Howard C. Abbott	19
Ellis F. Brown	12
Edward W. Forsyth	1
Edna B. Telford	442
Proctor P. Wilson	0
Blanks	4

#### DEMOCRATIC

William N. Connolly	2
Edna B. Telford	1
Blanks	3

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,  
Town Clerk

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#### WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

#### THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To Either of the Constables of Plainville,                      Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plainville qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to

meet in High School Auditorium in said Plainville, on

MONDAY, THE SEVENTH DAY OF MARCH 1955, A. D.

at six-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

Article 1. The following Town Officers to be chosen by ballot, viz: One Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Auditor, one Tree Warden, and three Constables for one year. One Selectman, Board of Welfare, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Trustee Public Library, one Park Commissioner and two members School Committee for three years. Regional District School Committee: One member for two years, and one member for three years.

For this purpose the polls will open at 6:30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

For the consideration of all other articles in this Warrant the meeting will be adjourned to 7:30 p.m. of said day in the Auditorium of the Elementary School on South Street in said town.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers not named in Article 1, for a term of one year.

Article 3. To consider and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, and these amounts to be effective as of January 1, 1955, as follows:

Moderator	\$25.00 each Annual Meeting
	15.00 each Special Meeting
Town Clerk	500.00 per year



Town Treasurer	800.00 per year
Selectmen, chairman	500.00 per year
Second Member	400.00 per year
Third Member	400.00 per year
Assessors, chairman	600.00 per year
Second Member	600.00 per year
Third Member	600.00 per year
Tax Collector	800.00 per year
School Committee, chairman	75.00 per year
School Committee, each member	60.00 per year
Water Commissioners, Chairman	150.00 per year
Second Member	150.00 per year
Third Member (Secretary)	300.00 per year
Auditor	200.00 per year
Constables	1.50 per hour
Tree Warden	1.50 per hour

or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 6. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1955 and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

1. For the support of the Public Library.
2. For the Selectmen's current expenses and salaries.
3. For the Treasurer's current expenses and salary.
4. For the Town Clerk's current expenses and salary.
5. For the Assessor's current expenses and salaries.
6. For the Tax Collector's current expenses and salary.

7. For the Board of Registrar's current expenses and salaries.
8. For the salary of Town Auditor.
9. For the Sealer of Weights and Measures' current expenses and salary.
10. For Board of Health current expenses and salaries.
11. For Wire Inspector, salary and expenses.
12. For Fire Department for current expenses and salaries.
13. For Water Department incidentals, pumping and salaries.
14. For support of School and salaries of School Committee.
15. For the payment of Insurance.
16. For Veteran's Benefits.
17. For Highways and Bridges, center of Town.
18. For Memorial Day.
19. For Interest on Temporary Loans and Maturing Debt.
20. For Police Department including Night Patrol.
21. For Tree Warden.
22. For Removal of Snow.
23. For Park Commissioners.
24. Town Forest Committee.
25. For heating and maintenance of Fire Station and Town Office Building.
26. For maturing debt.
27. For Welfare Agent.
28. For Street Lights.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to have the surety of the Collector of Taxes, Deputy Collector of Taxes, Treas-

urer, Town Clerk, Secretary of the Water Commissioners and Clerk of the Selectmen's bond placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any notes or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the carrying on of the Moth work for the coming year.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a Reserve Fund to provide for the extraordinary unforeseen expenses, as authorized by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation of Road Machinery or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00, or any other sum, to continue the drainage program, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for all control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Act of 1949, to be expended under the direction of the Moth Superintendent, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,127.44, this being the amount apportioned to Plainville as its share of the cost of the Norfolk County Retirement System, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, for the use of the athletic department of the schools, as provided for in Chapter 658, Acts of 1950, a revision of Sec. 47, Chapter 71, of the General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, or any other sum, for the carrying out of the State Vocational Education Program as provided for in Section 7 and 8 of Chapter 74, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (This account to be handled by the School Committee.)

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500, for the carrying on of the different categories of Welfare, made up approximately as follows: General Welfare, \$2,500; Aid Dependent Children, \$400; Old Age Assistance, \$11,600 and Disabled Persons, \$2,000, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer the sum of \$1,000 for the use of the Water Department for the purpose of mapping and measuring the water system of the town and providing an appropriate set of measurements and locations of services, valves, hydrants, etc., or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,200 or any other sum, for the continuation of the water system on Taunton Street for about 2,500 feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 or any other sum, for the repair of Taunton Street after the installation of water, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 or any other sum, for the continuation of Town water on Pleasant St. from its present terminus to Broad St. about 550 ft., or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550 or any other sum, for the repair of Pleasant St. after water installation or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum, for the installation of Town water on Cross St., a distance of about 600 ft., or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 or any other sum for the repair of Cross St. after water installation, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000, or any other sum, to continue the new sidewalk installation program in the Town, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to extend the Town water from its terminus on Walnut St. to about in front of the Reybrock residence, a distance of about 700 ft., and raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300 to pay for same, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 to pay for the repair of Walnut St. after installation of water, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$800 or any other sum, for the pur-



chase of a 100 gallon capacity liquid test measure for the Sealer of Weights and Measures, which is to be used in testing vehicle tank truck meters, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,190.76, this being Plainville's share of the operating expenditures of the Regional School Committee budget for the balance of the year 1955, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 41 at the Annual Town Meeting of the Town held March 2, 1953, which vote authorized the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land to the John Edward McNeill Post No. 217, American Legion Building Association, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide quarters for the John Edward McNeill Post No. 217, American Legion, as provided for under Section 9, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of street and traffic signs, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 or any other sum, for the filling and grading of the New Elementary School grounds, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. or any other sum for the treatment of tuberculosis patients having a legal settlement in this town as provided for by Chap. 270, Acts of 1952, repealing Chap. 562 of the Acts of 1951, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to hire a full time day police officer, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$685.92 to pay an overdraft of the 1954 Snow Account, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to print new voting lists, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$95 for the purchase of six (6) more new voting booths, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase from Robert A. Munroe, on behalf of the Town, two adjacent parcels of land situated on the westerly side of South Street and westerly of land of the Old Colony Railroad Company, and more particularly described in that certain deed from Mary E. Toner, Executrix to Robert A. Munroe, dated September 28, 1949, and recorded with Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 2862, Page 332, and to which reference may be had; and to raise and appropriate the sum of One thousand dollars (\$1000) for this purpose, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend its By-Laws by adopting the following: "Any person intending to build, construct, reconstruct, or alter any building, structure or foundation, shall before commencing the same, file with the Board of Selectmen, an application for a building permit, on a form provided therefore." This shall be in addition to such permits as may be required by the laws of the Commonwealth. Every application for a permit required by these By-Laws shall be accompanied by a fee of \$1 per thousand dollars of approximate final value as appraised by the applicant, and this By-Law to become effective upon its approval by the Attorney-General of the Commonwealth, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Two-thirds vote required)

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer, a sum of money to erect a building for the use of the Highway and Water Departments, and the erec-

tion of said building to be under the supervision of the Selectmen, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the insurance of all fire apparatus, for complete coverage, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Fire Engineers)

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to install one (1) street light on the last pole on the easterly side of Fletcher St., and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to replace about the same number of present lower candle power lights on South St., with those of increased candle power, and raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay for same.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept as public streets, the following private ways in the Crestwood Homes, Inc. Development, now known as: Legion Drive, Crestwood Ave., Evergreen Road and Oak St., when all regulations of the Town By-Laws pertaining to such streets have been carried out, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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Article 56. To choose any committee and to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in seven (7) Public Places in said

town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
LEROY B. WILSON  
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.

Selectmen of Plainville

A true copy, Attest:

HERBERT A. MORSE,  
Constable of the Town of Plainville

This 26th day of February, 1955.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts:  
Norfolk, ss.

Plainville, Mass., February 26, 1955

This is to certify that I have posted seven copies of this Warrant in seven public places in the Town of Plainville at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

HERBERT A. MORSE,  
Constable, Town of Plainville

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1955.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
Town Clerk



**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL  
TOWN MEETING**

**High School Building, Plainville, Mass., March 7, 1955**

Pursuant to the foregoing Warrant, the 51st Annual Town Meeting was held in the High School Building, it being the first Monday in March.

The Ballot Box was inspected by Town Clerk, found empty, the dials set at zero, then locked and key turned over to Police Officer.

Ballot Clerks: Dacia Anderson, Helen Proal and Nellie King.

Tellers: Harold Anderson, Richard Cobb.

Ballot Box and Police Officer: Courtland Fairbanks.

The above having been appointed by the Selectmen, were duly sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties by Town Clerk.

Warden and Election Officer: Arthur W. Washburn.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting, and at 6:30 A.M., the Polls were declared open.

At 8:15 A.M. the Election Officials voted to take ballots from Ballot Box and start counting. Box registered 68 ballots.

At 5:30 P.M. by vote the Polls were declared closed.

The number of Ballots cast was 330, and 330 names were checked on voting lists and Ballot Box registered 330 names.

The results of the balloting was as follows:

**Moderator—For One Year**

Charles O. Peasley  
Blanks

302  
28

**Town Clerk—For One Year**

Arthur W. Washburn	284
Blanks	46

**Selectmen, Board of Welfare—For Three Years**

Lyman H. Parmenter, Jr.	250
William B. Gill, Jr.	2
Blanks	78

**Assessor—For Three Years**

Charles J. Quirk	282
Blanks	48

**School Committee—For Three Years**

Melvin V. Chevers	255
Mary V. Proal	251
William B. Gill, Jr.	1
Arthur W. Washburn, Jr.	1
Blanks	152

**Regional District School Committee—For Two Years**

Edward H. Hemmingsen	275
Blanks	55

**Regional District School Committee—For Three Years**

Clarence E. Skinner, Jr.	284
Blanks	46

**Water Commissioner—For Three Years**

Sheldon E. Smith	289
Blanks	41

**Trustee of Public Library—For Three Years**

Ralph L. Power	294
Blanks	36

**Park Commissioner—For Three Years**

Austin F. Grant	291
Blanks	39

**Auditor—For One Year**

Lawrence H. Carpenter	286
Blanks	44

**Constables—For One Year**

Elmer C. Pease	276
Herbert A. Morse	196
Clarence P. Avery	223
Ernest J. LaPorte	177
Chester A. Meyer	4
Blanks	114

**Tree Warden—For One Year**

Alec H. Fredrickson	289
Blanks	41

**Elementary School Auditorium, March 7, 1955**

The Moderator, Charles O. Peasley, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., and called upon Reverend Bowmar for a short prayer.

The voters were checked into the hall, with 251 names checked on voting lists.

Article 2. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn, Jr., and unanimously voted that the following named act as Measurers of Wood, Bark and Lumber for the ensuing year: Harry O. Proal, George H. Snell, Everett W. Skinner and Francis W. Simmons.

Motion by Arthur W. Washburn, Jr., and unanimously voted that the following named act as Fence Viewers and Field Drivers for the ensuing year: Elmer C. Pease, Herbert A. Morse and Clarence P. Avery.

Article 3. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn, Jr., and unanimously voted that we accept the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other Town Officers as printed in the Town Report, with the exceptions of any typographical errors.

Article 4. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted that we accept the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 5. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, as provided for by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended and these amounts to be effective as of January 1, 1955, as follows.:

Moderator	\$25.00 each Annual Meeting
	\$15.00 each Special Meeting
Town Clerk	\$500.00 per year
Town Treasurer	\$800.00 per year
Selectmen, Chairman	\$500.00 per year
Second member	\$400.00 per year
Third member	\$400.00 per year
Assessors, Chairman	\$600.00 per year
Second member	\$600.00 per year
Third member	\$600.00 per year
Tax Collector	\$800. per year
Water Commissioners:	
Chairman	\$150.00 per year
Second member	\$150.00 per year
Third member, Secretary	\$300.00 per year
Auditor	\$200.00 per year
Constables	\$1.50 per hour
Tree Warden	\$1.50 per hour
Board of Registrars:	
Each member	\$200.00 per year
School Committee:	
Chairman	\$75.00 per year
Other members (4)	\$60.00 each per year
Sealer of Weights and Measures	\$75.00 per year

Article 6. It was unanimously voted on motion by Alpin Chisholm to raise and appropriate the following sums of money to defray Town Charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1955, and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

Section	Motion by	Appropriated for	Amount
1.	Alpin Chisholm, Library, this amount includes Dog Tax		\$ 800.00
2.	Alpin Chisholm, Selectmen's Salaries \$1,300, Expenses \$2,600		3,900.00
3.	Alpin Chisholm, Treasurer's Salary \$800, Expenses \$300		1,100.00
4.	Arthur W. Washburn, Town Clerk's Salary \$500, Expenses \$225		725.00
5.	Alpin Chisholm, Assessor's Salaries \$1,800, Expenses \$500		2,300.00
6.	Alpin Chisholm, Tax Collector's Salary \$800, Expenses \$400		1,200.00
7.	Alpin Chisholm, Board of Registrar's Salaries \$800, Expenses \$50		850.00
8.	Alpin Chisholm, Auditor's Salary		200.00
9.	Alpin Chisholm, Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary \$75, Expenses \$35		110.00
10.	Alpin Chisholm, Board of Health Expenses \$1,150, Garbage Collection \$1,200, Rental Town Dump \$150		2,500.00
11.	Alpin Chisholm, Wire Inspector's Salary \$200, Expenses \$50		250.00
12.	Alpin Chisholm, Fire Department's Salaries and Expenses		6,025.00
13.	Gordon Proal, Water Department Salaries \$600, Pumping \$5,000, General Account \$3,000		8,600.00
14.	Edward Hemmingsen, Support of Schools \$91,972, Salaries School Committee \$315, Repair of Town Hall \$1,500		93,787.00



15. Alpin Chisholm, Payment of Insurance	2,300.00
16. Alpin Chisholm, Veteran's Benefits	300.00
17. Alpin Chisholm, Highways and Bridges, Center of Town \$4,700, Care of Dump \$300, Care of Old Cemetery \$300	5,300.00
18. Alpin Chisholm, Memorial Day	200.00
19. Alpin Chisholm, Interest on Temporary Loans and Maturing Debt	5,100.00
20. Alpin Chisholm, Police Department, includ- ing Night Patrol	6,550.00
21. Alpin Chisholm, Tree Warden	600.00
22. Motion by Alpin Chisholm to raise and ap- propriate the sum of \$2,500 for Removal of Snow. This was amended by Arthur W. Washburn that the sum of \$2,700 be raised and appropriated. Amendment voted.	2,700.00
23. Motion by Robert Fawcett to raise and ap- propriate the sum of \$3,000 for Park Commissioners, was carried. On motion of Alpin Chisholm to reconsider this mo- tion, it was carried. Mr. Chisholm then made a motion to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500 for the use of the Park Commissioners, so voted.	2,500.00
24. Alpin Chisholm, Town Forest	75.00
25. Alpin Chisholm, Town Office Building Maintenance	1,200.00
26. Alpin Chisholm, Maturing Debt	20,000.00
27. Alpin Chisholm, Welfare Agent	900.00
28. Alpin Chisholm, Street Lights	6,390.00

Article 7. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and unanimously voted to have the surety of the Collector of Taxes, Deputy Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Secretary of the Water Commissioners and Clerk of the Selectmen's bonds placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate the sum of \$234.20 to pay for same.

Article 8. Motion by Edward Osterholm, and unanimously voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1956 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 9. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for the carrying on of the Moth work for the ensuring year.

Article 10. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted that the sum of \$2,500 be raised and appropriated for a Reserve Fund for extraordinary unforeseen expenses, this amount to be transferred from the Overlay Surplus Account.

Article 11. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted that we transfer \$700 from the Road Machinery Reserve Account to Highways and Bridges, Center of Town Account, for operation of Road Machinery.

Article 12. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted that we accept the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,050 for the cost of the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, and that in addition, the sum of \$2,000 be transferred from unappropriated surplus revenue funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work; the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated surplus-revenue funds in the Treasury.

Article 13. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted that the sum of \$4,500 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition, the sum of \$9,350 be transferred from surplus revenue funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work. The reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated surplus revenue funds in the Treasury.

Article 14. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200 for Drainage.

Article 15. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 for Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 16. Motion of Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,127.44 for Norfolk County Retirement.

Article 17. Motion by Edward Hemmingsen and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 for School Athletics.

Article 18. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for Vocational Education.

Article 19. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,500 for the carrying on of the different categories of Welfare, made up approximately as follows: General Welfare, \$2,500; Aid Dependent Children, \$400; Old Age Assistance, \$11,600 and Disabled Persons, \$2,000.

Article 20. Motion by Gordon Proal, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for mapping of Water System.

Article 21. Motion of Alpin Chisholm, and voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,200 for the installation of Water on Taunton Street.

Article 22. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 for the repair of Taunton Street after the installation of water.

Article 23. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, that no action be taken on this article was voted. Motion by Frank Grzenda to reconsider was carried. Motion by Gordon Proal to lay this Article on table until next Town Meeting was voted.

Article 24. No action to be taken on this Article. (Repair Pleasant Street after installation of water.) So voted: on motion of Alpin Chisholm.

Article 25. Motion by Alpin Chisholm that we raise and appropriate \$2,000 for installation of Town water on Cross Street for about 600 feet was carried. Vote doubted. Moderator called for standing vote, the results of which was: Yes, 144; No, 25. Motion carried.

Article 26. Motion by Alpin Chisholm that no action be taken on this article. (Repair Cross Street, after water installation). So voted.

Article 27. Motion by Leroy Wilson, and unanimously voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to continue the new sidewalk installation program.

Article 28. Motion by Alpin Chisholm that no action be taken on this article. On substitute motion by Gordon Proal that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,300 to extend Town water from its present terminus on Walnut Street to about in front of the Reybrock residence, a distance of about 700 feet. So voted.

Article 29. Motion by Gordon Proal and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$700 to pay for the repair of Walnut Street after the installation of water.

Article 30. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson and unanimously voted that no action be taken on this article. (100 gallon capacity liquid test measure for Sealer of Weights & Measures.)

Article 31. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,190.76, this being Plainville's share of the operating expenditures of the Regional School Committee budget, for the balance of the year 1955.

Article 32. Motion by Lyman H. Parmenter, Jr., and unanimously voted that the Town rescind the vote taken under Article 41 at the Annual Town Meeting, held March 2, 1953, which vote authorized the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of land to the John Edward McNeill Post #217, American Legion Building Association.

Article 33. Motion by Gordon Proal that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 to provide quarters for the John Edward McNeill Post #217, American Legion, as provided for under Section 9, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended, was voted. Vote doubted. Standing vote called for by Moderator, the results of which were: Yes, 85; No, 93. Motion lost.

Article 34. Motion of Alpin Chisholm, and voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 for the purchase and installation of street and traffic signs.

Article 35. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson and voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the filling and grading of the New Elementary School grounds.

Article 36. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 for the treatment of tuberculosis patients having a legal settlement in the Town, as provided for by Chapter 270, Acts of 1952, repealing Chapter 562 of the Acts of 1951.

Article 37. Motion by Alpin Chisholm that no action be taken on this Article. (Day patrolman). So voted.

Article 38. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$685.92 to pay overdraft of the 1954 Snow Account.

Article 39. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$100 to print new voting lists.

Article 40. Motion by Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$95 for the purchase of six (6) more voting booths.

Article 41. Motion by Lyman H. Parmenter, Jr., and unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase from Robert A. Munroe, on behalf of the Town, two (2) adjacent parcels of land situated on the westerly side of South Street, and westerly of land of the Old Colony Railroad Company, and more particularly described in Article 41 of the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.



March 7, 1955, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to pay for same.

Article 42. Motion by Raymond Smith to lay on table resulted in: Yes, 89; No, 72. Motion by Donald Breen to reconsider and take from table was voted. On motion by Arthur W. Washburn, Jr., that this Article be accepted as read, result: Yes, 137; No, 35. (Standing vote). To amend By-Laws. Approved by Attorney General March 23, 1955. (Advertised Chronicle, April 7, 1955; Franklin Sentinel, April 21, 28, 1955 and May 5, 1955).

Article 43. Motion by Leroy B. Wilson and unanimously voted that we transfer the sum of \$9,000 from the 'Sale of Real Estate Fund', to erect a building for the use of the Highway and Water Departments, and the erection of said building to be under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 44. Motion of Arthur W. Washburn and unanimously voted that we transfer \$1,000 from Surplus Revenue Account to the Insurance Account, for complete coverage on Fire Apparatus. The Selectmen to handle this account.

Article 45. Motion by Lyman H. Parmenter, Jr., and unanimously voted that the Town install one (1) street light on the last pole on the easterly side of Fletcher Street, and that the sum of \$16 to pay for same be included in the amount to be raised and appropriated under Section 28, Article 6.

Article 46. Motion by Lyman H. Parmenter, Jr., and unanimously voted to replace about the same number of present lower candlepower lights on South Street, with those of increased candlepower, and that the sum of \$590 to pay for same be included in the amount raised and appropriated under Section 28, Article 6.

Article 47. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to accept as public streets, the following private ways in the Crestwood Homes, Inc Development, now known as: Legion Drive, Crestwood Avenue, Evergreen Road and Oak Street, when all regulations of the Town By-Laws pertaining to such streets have been carried out.

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Article 50. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of four (4) to look into the advisability and cost, of equipping the fire apparatus with a two-way radio system. This committee to report at the next Annual Town Meeting. Committee: Chairman, Richard Cobb; Clerk, Raymond Crowell, Eugene Hawkins and George Darling.

Article 51. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of three (3) to look into the advisability and cost of permanent firemen and report at the next Annual Town Meeting. The committee to consist of one member of the Fire Engineers, one member of the Finance Committee and one member of the Board of Selectmen. Committee: Chairman, Alpin Chisholm; Clerk, Leroy Wilson, and Clarence Skinner, Jr.

Article 52. Motion by Lyman Parmenter and voted that a committee of three (3) be appointed by the Selectmen, to draw up new By-Laws to regulate building operations in the Town, and to submit such By-Laws to the Town for approval at the next Town Meeting. Committee: Clinton E. Barton, Harlie E. Thompson and Charles R. Mason.

Article 53. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that no action be taken on this article. ((50th Anniversary of the Town)).

Article 54. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that the Town transfer the sum of \$10,000 from available funds in the Treasury, for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, and to be placed in a fund known as the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943; this money to be earmarked for the building and equipment of an addition to the new Elementary School building.

Article 55. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and unanimously voted that no action be taken on this article. (Transfer money to Assessors for reduction of tax rate.)

Article 56. The following Committee having been appointed by the Moderator to bring in nominations for a Finance Committee for the ensuing year: Austin F. Grant, William B. Gill, Arthur Myers, Jr., presented the following names and they were duly elected: Alpin Chisholm, Oliver P. Brown, Charles F. Breen, Jr., Ralph E. Crowell and Miles E. Hooker.

Motion by Melvin V. Chevers and voted that the Moderator appoint a Committee of three (3) to study the advisability and cost of hiring a full-time day patrolman, and to equip the Police Department with a patrol car, of station wagon type, with radio and phone equipment, and report at the next Town Meeting. Committee: Chairman, Melvin V. Chevers; Clerk, George Lemire, and David Lomasney.

Motion by Reginald B. Keyes and voted to remove Article 43, of the Warrant of the March 1, 1954 Annual Town Meeting from the table and authorize the Selectmen to sell all or any part thereof the land described in said Article. And also authorize the Board of Selectmen to sign, acknowledge and deliver any instruments of transfer on behalf of the Town.

Meeting adjourned 11:29 P.M.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, A. D., 1955

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Plainville,  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Elections to meet in their High School Building

TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, A. D., 1955  
at 6:30 o'clock in the forenoon for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes for the following office:

ONE REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT for 9th  
Norfolk Representative District.

The polls will be open from 6:30 A.M. to 8 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies at seven public places in said town, seven days at least before holding of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1955.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
LEROY B. WILSON  
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.  
Selectmen of Plainville

A True Copy:

Attest: HERBERT A. MORSE, Constable of Plainville  
This 26th day of February, 1955.

Plainville, Mass.

Feb. 26, 1955

Norfolk, ss.

This is to certify that I have posted seven copies of this Warrant in seven public places in the Town of Plainville at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

HERBERT A. MORSE

Constable, Town of Plainville

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of February, 1955.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

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### PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL STATE ELECTION

A Special State Election was held in the High School Building, Plainville, Tuesday, March 8, 1955.

Ballot Clerks: Helen Proal, Dacia Anderson.

Tellers: Harold Anderson, Richard Cobb.

Ballot Box and Police Officer: Courtland Fairbanks.

The above having been appointed by the Selectmen were duly sworn to the faithful performance of their respective duties by Town Clerk.

Election Officer and Warden: Arthur W. Washburn.

The Ballot Box was inspected, found empty and dial set at zero. Box locked and key turned over to police officer.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting and at 6:30 a.m. the polls were declared open.



At 8 A.M. the Election Officials voted to take ballots from box and start counting. Box registered 56 ballots.

At 8 P.M. Polls were declared closed.

The number of ballots cast were 547, and 547 names were checked on voting lists and the Ballot Box registered 547.

The results of the balloting was as follows:

**Representative Ninth Norfolk Representative District**

William N. Connolly, Democratic	15
Edna B. Telford, Republican	532
Blanks	0

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

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**APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT TOWN CLERK**

Plainville, March 15, 1955

To: Charles S. Cobb of said Plainville,

Sir:

By virtue of the authority in me vested, with full power of revocation, I do hereby appoint you Assistant Town Clerk of said Plainville, with all powers, duties and authority appertaining to said office.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

NORFOLK, ss.

To either of the Constables of Town of Plainville in the  
County of Norfolk, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Elementary School Building in said Plainville on

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1955

at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of \$1,463.00, or any other sum, for school operations for the balance of the year, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Plainville School Comm.)

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to lease to the Sponsoring Institution of the Boy Scouts of America in Plainville, the old Fire Station building on Spring Street, upon or after being vacated by the Town Highway Department, for a period of time relative to the convenience of the Town or the leasee, to be used for the purposes of the Scouting movement, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to draw up and indorse such an instrument in behalf of the Town, or to see if the town will act or vote in any manner relative thereto. (Boy Scouts)

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer, a sum of money for the purchase of a new Ford truck for the Highway Department, and the money to pay for same to be raised as follows: \$4,200 be transferred from Road Machinery Reserve Account, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,800 or any other sum for the con-

tinuation of town water on Pleasant Street from its present terminus to Broad Street about 500 feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (At the Annual Town Meeting, held March 7, 1955, this Article was laid on the table until the next Town Meeting.)

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$550 or any other sum, for the repair of Pleasant Street after water installation, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer, the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum, for the use of the School Planning Committee, to continue their work, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer the sum of \$900, or any other sum, for the purpose of constructing a chain link fence around the swimming pool in the Town Park, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Town Park Comm.)

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the unexpended balance of water installation monies from the Taunton Street Account to the Walnut Street Account, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$4,500, or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of 165 additional water meters, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Water Department)

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate the sum of \$1,200 or any other sum, for the use of the Water Department for maintenance and general repairs to the water system, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Water Department)

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of five, to investigate the advisability of combining the Highway and Water Departments into a single department, to be known as a Department

of Public Works. Said committee to report at the next Town Meeting.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$500, or any other sum, for the use of the Civil Defense of the Town of Plainville, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer, a sum of money to hire a full-time day patrolman, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$2,550 or any other sum, to purchase a Ford Ranch Wagon, two door, V-8, equipped with standard heater and all necessary identification for police cruiser, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$750 to equip and install the police cruiser with a two-way radio and an alternator, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 16. To choose any committee, and to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up Seven (7) attested copies thereof in said Town, Seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 12th day of September in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

LEROY B. WILSON

LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.

Selectmen of Plainville

A true copy.

Attest:

HERBERT A. MORSE, Constable

This 19th day of September, 1955.

Plainville, Sept. 19, 1955

Plainville, ss.

I hereby certify that I have posted seven (7) copies of the within Warrant in seven (7) Public Places in the Town of Plainville, at least seven (7) days before this Special Town Meeting.

HERBERT A. MORSE

Constable, Town of Plainville  
September 19, 1955

Subscribed and sworn to before me this nineteenth day of September, 1955.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
Town Clerk

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### MINUTES OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

(September 26, 1955)

A Special Town Meeting was held in the Elementary School Building, Plainville, Monday, September 26, 1955.

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M., and called upon Rev. John M. Bowmar for a short prayer.

The Town Clerk read the call of the meeting.

The Moderator appointed the following to act as counters: Clayton Cate; Bruce Foote, Robert Hayes and Harry Cooper.

Number of persons present as checked on voting lists showed:

Men, 91.	Women, 44.	Total, 135.
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Article 1. Motion by Charles O. Peasley, and voted that the sum of \$1,463 be transferred from the Surplus Revenue Account for School operations, for the balance of the year.

Article 2. Motion by William Nowick, and voted that the town lease to the Sponsoring Institution of the Boy Scouts of America in Plainville, the old Fire Station building on Spring Street, upon or after being vacated by the Town Highway Department, for a period of time relative to the convenience of the Town or the leasee, to be used for the purposes of the Scouting movement, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to draw up and indorse such an instrument in behalf of the Town.

Article 3. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, that the Town transfer the sum of \$4,200 from the Road Machinery Reserve Account to purchase a new Ford Truck for the Highway Department. This article was amended by Elton I. Franklin, Jr., that the Town delete the word "Ford" from the motion. The article as amended was then passed.

Article 4. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and voted that no action be taken on this article. (Water Extension on Pleasant Street.)

Article 5. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and voted that no action be taken on this article. (Repair of Pleasant St., after water installation)

Article 6. The vote on the motion by Ralph Snell to lay this article on the table was doubted. The Moderator then called for a standing vote. The result of the standing vote was: Yes, 42. No, 33. Motion by Melvin Chevers to take this article from table was lost. (\$2,000 for School Planning Committee)

Article 7. Motion by Austin F. Grant, and voted that \$900 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a chain link fence around the swimming pool in the Town Park. Motion by Edward E. Osterholm to reconsider the method of financing this article was carried. Motion by Mr. Osterholm that we transfer \$900 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the constructing of a chain link fence was carried.

Article 8. Motion by Alpin Chisholm, and voted that no action be taken on this article. (Transfer water balance from Taunton St. to Walnut St.)



Article 9. Motion by Gordon S. Proal, and voted unanimously that we transfer \$4,500 from the Surplus Revenue Account for the purchase of additional water meters.

Article 10. Motion by David Lomasney that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 for the use of the Water Department for maintenance and general repairs to water system.

Article 11. Motion by Sheldon Smith that this article be accepted as read. Amended by Leroy B. Wilson to insert the word 'Annual', so the article now reads "The Moderator shall appoint a committee of five (5) to investigate the advisability of combining the Highway and Water Departments into a single department, to be known as a Department of Public Works. Said committee to report at the next Annual Town Meeting." So voted.

Article 12. Motion by Alpin Chisholm and voted that no action be taken on this article. (Appropriation \$500 for Civilian Defense)

Article 13. Motion by Alpin Chisholm to lay this article on the table was lost. Mr. Parmenter then made a motion that we raise and appropriate the sum of \$780 for a full-time day patrolman. After some discussion, Mr. Parmenter withdrew his motion. Mr. LeRoy Wilson then made the following motion "that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to hire a full-time qualified day patrolman, and the sum of \$780 be transferred from Surplus Revenue Account to pay salary for balance of year. Mr. Wilson's motion was then voted.

Article 14. Motion by Alpin Chisholm to lay this article on the table was lost. Mr. Franklin made a motion that this article be accepted as read, with the exception of the word 'Ford', which should be deleted. Gordon Proal amended this motion that the amount to be appropriated, or transferred, shall include the registration and insurance on this cruiser for the balance of the year. The article and the amendment was then voted to read as follows: "That the Town transfer from Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$2,550 for the purchase of a station wagon type cruiser, two door, 8 cylinder, equipped with standard heater and all necessary identification for police cruiser, the above figure to include insurance and registration for the balance of the year.

Mr. Edward Osterholm, Treasurer of the Town, doubted that the Meeting had the right to delete the word 'Ford' from articles numbered 3 and 14, because of the fact that the word 'Ford' appeared on all posted warrants for this meeting.

Article 15. Motion by Charles Mason that the Town transfer the sum of \$750 from the Surplus Revenue Account, to equip and install the police cruiser with a two-way radio and an alternator. After some discussion Mr. Mason amended this motion that the words 'that' and an alternator' be stricken from the motion. Motion and amendment was then carried to read as follows: 'That the Town vote to transfer from Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$750 to equip and install the police cruiser with a two-way radio.'

Article 16. Report of Committee appointed at the Annual Town Meeting held March 7, 1955, to report on the advisability and cost of hiring a full-time day patrolman; to equip the police department with a patrol car, and to equip patrol car with radio, is as follows:

To the Board of Selectmen, Plainville, Massachusetts:

We, the committee, recommend that a full-time qualified patrolman be hired for immediate service. We also recommend that a station wagon type vehicle to be used as a police cruiser be purchased and equipped with a two-way radio communications unit to improve and expand the public safety requirements of the Town of Plainville.

After careful consideration given to several station wagon types available, it is the opinion of this committee that a 1956 Ford two-door V8 Ranch Wagon is the most practical for our purposes. It is further understood that this proposed purchase will be let out for bids and that the prices quoted in this report are list prices, and the prices on the final bids will be lower. A 1956 two-door V8 Ranch Wagon has a basic list price of \$2,475.00 and includes standard transmission, oil filter, oil bath air cleaner, positive action wiper, directional signals, and brown Western vinyl upholstery covering. A standard heater will cost \$75 extra — for a total of \$2,550. The Ford people recommend also that if this proposed police cruiser is to require a two-way radio system they can

supply and install for approximately \$300.00 the alternator, rectifier, volt regulator (12 volt system), and ammeter. They do not supply the radio.

It is further recommended that this police cruiser be equipped with a two-way radio and alternator, and other necessary equipment to cost approximately \$750.00. Officials in North Attleboro have been approached and have promised full assistance in helping us to set up cruiser communications between the two towns as well as making available their equipment in a cooperative effort.

Finally, we, the committee, deem it a privilege to have had the opportunity to serve the town in making this study.

MELVIN V. CHEVERS  
DAVID B. LOMASNEY  
GEORGE LEMIRE

September 12, 1955.

Meeting adjourned 10:50 P.M.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN PLAINVILLE DURING 1955

Date	Name	Parents
<b>1954</b>		
<b>December</b>		
29—	Deborah Anne Anisewski	Matthew-Melanie Blogref
30—	Cindy Lee Beyersdorfer	Albert John-Elizabeth Gaskin
<b>1955</b>		
<b>January</b>		
2—	Brian Cooper	John Paul-Arlene Avery
6—	Gail Wilkyn Keegan	Frank-Edith McCormick
6—	Russell Albert LeBlanc	
		Albert Alphonse-Helen Rose Gaboury
12—	Sara Ann Long	Paul E.-Barbara A. Johnson
13—	Jill Morris	Everett Gordon-Mildren Eunice Peckham
15—	Carla Ruth Knight	George Roger-Jean McGregor
17—	Guilford Bruce Kettell	
		Chester Miller-Priscilla Lowell Hopkins
24—	Deborah Ann Ashworth	
		Charles Richard-Catherine McCabe
<b>February</b>		
2—	Michael Guy Hill	
		Raymond Eugene, Jr.-Dolores T. VanBreemen
8—	Gerald Florent Baker	Florent Emile-Rosemarie Caron
8—	Karen Jean Chamillard	
		Robert Brander-Harriet G. Coverly
19—	Michele Diane Henry	
		Edward Allen-Florence Louise Gallagher
20—	Sandra Ann Hearn	
		Richard James-Lillian Lena Ouellette
22—	Geneva Edwardene Pease	
		Charles Leon-Marie Elvera Walker
26—	Debra Sue Norton	Everett Steve-Edith Mae Phinney
<b>March</b>		
4—	Laurie Jean Baker	Hollis Clement, Jr.-Ruth E. Helms
6—	Daniel Joseph Cobb	Vincent Ambrose-Helen LaPerche

- April

- May

- ## June

- July**

- 2—Patricia Ann Thompson      Harlie Eugene-Beverly Boyles  
3—Pamela Joan Wessman      Robert A.-Shirley L. Stewart  
14—Linda Ann Lockhart   James Edward-Patricia H. McNally  
17—William Joseph Dorothy, Jr.  
                William Joseph-Edna May Capodanno



26—Phyllis Louise Brodeur

Leroy Frank, Sr.-Aldora Bernadette Ferland

27—Roxanne Bielaska

Charles Joseph-Isabel Lachowicz

### August

17—Michael Dennis Robitaille

Wilfred Emile-Doris Therese Ferland

21—Wayne Donald Yankee

Donald Edward-Phyllis Bernice Masse

30—Crystal Woodward Richard Alden-Geraldine DesJardins

### September

2—Joanne Beth Barrett George H.-Dorothy Alice Reynolds

12—Michele Marie Parenteau

George Joseph-Shirley Helen Paquin

19—Stephen Thomas Brehio Charles J., Jr.-Ruth F. Gardner

19—Deborah Ann Robitaille Maurice R.-Elizabeth Amodi

25—Roland Anthony Garrant

Roland Michael-Lucy Florence McFarland

### October

2—Maryann Simmons Francis Wesley-Grace M. Etter

2—Bernard Joseph Doyle, III

Bernard Joseph, Jr.-Olive E. Anderson

16—Peter David O'Donnell

Richard Paul-Gertrude Frances Osborne

16—Victoria Lee Tatro Donald Charles-Kathleen A. Mercurio

30—Mark Andrew Dittrich William Paul-Elizabeth Jensen

### November

3—Marcia Elizabeth Cooper

Robert George-Elizabeth Ann Rowe

10—Christine Jane Wegiel

John-Adela Babiec

18—Frank Douglas Sprague

Frank Edward, Jr.-Eleanor A. Vanasse

23—Donna Elaine Easterbrooks

William Edward-Estelle Rainville

25—Wayne Frank Johnson

Frank H.-Doris V. Sargent

27—David Robert Snell

Robert-Mary Jaron

A true Copy. Attest:

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN

Town Clerk



**MARRIAGES RECORDED IN PLAINVILLE DURING 1955**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Married by</b>
<b>1955</b>		
<b>January</b>		
7—	Lawrence Marc Alexander Dell'Aquila, Mansfield, Mass. Eleanor Catherine Bruce, Mansfield, Mass.	John M. Bowmar, Clergyman
22—	Jan Wegiel, Cumberland, R. I. Adela Babiec, Plainville, Mass.	Francis A. McLaughlin, Priest
29—	Lester A. French, Plainville, Mass. June M. Rose, No. Attleboro, Mass.	Rev. Edwin J. Loew, Priest
<b>April</b>		
25—	Richard F. Grant, Plainville, Mass. Roberta A. Logan, Plainville, Mass.	John M. Bowmar, Clergyman
29—	James W. Hopkins, East Providence, R. I. Ruth E. Wilkins, Plainville, Mass.	Rev. Charles L. Berkey, Clergyman
30—	Donald A. Marshall, Attleboro, Mass. Jeanette Ann Malo, Plainville, Mass.	Francis A. McLaughlin, Priest
<b>May</b>		
7—	Martin R. Barboza, Hartford, Conn. Norma L. Bouchard, (Janes), Plainville, Mass.	Ralph H. Long, Minister of the Gospel
<b>June</b>		
18—	Harvey W. Gay, Jr., North Attleboro, Mass. Sandra F. Jillson, Plainville, Mass.	John M. Bowmar, Clergyman

- 18—Frank Edward Sprague, Plainville, Mass.  
     Eleanor Aurore Vanasse, Fall River, Mass.  
                     Marc M. Dogenais O. P., Priest
- 25—Ralph Whittle Arnold, Plainville, Mass.  
     Eleanor Louise Gardner, Lincoln, R. I.  
                     Philip Kierstead, Clergyman

### July

- 2—Leslie E. Patterson, Attleboro, Mass.  
     Helen M. Sears, Plainville, Mass.  
                     Rev. Charles L. Berkey, Clergyman
- 2—Joseph P. Santoro, No. Attleboro, Mass.  
     Geraldine A. Caron, Plainville, Mass.  
                     Francis A. McLaughlin, Priest
- 9—Donald Doane Bassett, North Attleboro, Mass.  
     Carolyn Janet Cooper, North Attleboro, Mass.  
                     John M. Bowmar, Clergyman
- 19—Harry Solon Sulham, Jr., Plainville, Mass.  
     Isabel Bouchard, New Bedford, Mass.  
                     C. Neal Hutchinson, Minister of the Gospel
- 23—Raymond R. Fulton II, Plainville, Mass.  
     Marilyn Louise Wagner, Mansfield, Mass.  
                     William R. Jordan, Priest

### September . .

- 2—Henry William Meyers, Attleboro, Mass.  
     Marjorie Gray Root, Plainville, Mass.  
                     Edward G. Spradling, Clergyman
- 3—William R. Whitehead, Kalamazoo, Michigan  
     Sandra LeBlanc, Plainville, Mass.  
                     Francis A. McLaughlin, Priest

### October

- 1—Charles B. Spencer, Franklin, Mass.  
     Elaine Betsey Beauregard, Plainville, Mass.  
                     John J. Glynn, Priest
- 1—Ralph Easterbrooks, Jr., Plainville, Mass.  
     Rena M. Parenteau, Plainville, Mass.  
                     James H. Coffey, Priest

- 5—Walter G. Cotton, Laconia, N. H.  
Mabel Louise Works, (Belcher), Plainville, Mass.  
Francis A. McLaughlin, Priest

- 15—Lawrence Melvin Kiff, Plainville, Mass.  
Suzanne Louise Power, Plainville, Mass.  
Ralph L. Power, Clergyman

**November**

- 14—Edmund Paul LaValley, Plainville, Mass.  
Evelyn Vivian Marshall, (Rice), Plainville, Mass.  
Kenneth R. Dunlap, Justice of the Peace

A true copy. Attest ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,  
Town Clerk

## DEATHS RECORDED IN PLAINVILLE DURING 1955

Date	Name	Yr.	Mo.	Day
<b>Non-Resident</b>				
<b>1955</b>				
Jan. 5	—Eliza C. Hartman	65	2	29
Jan. 10	—Abbe (Doherty) Jobin	76	—	—
Jan. 19	—Ella Augusta (Hunt) Richardson	88	9	—
Jan. 25	—Nellie J. (Claxton) Cartledge	88	4	23
Jan. 30	—Harry P. Olney	85	7	28
Jan. 30	—Eddie Callegaro	33	10	23
Jan. 30	—Eddie Callegaro, Jr.	5	1	13
Jan. 31	—Jennie M. Henshaw	82	1	5
Feb. 7	—Elizabeth B. (Thompson) Flint	86	9	29
Feb. 9	—Catherine (McAuliffe) Gilbert	84	—	—
Feb. 11	—Henry C. Waterman	95	9	22
Mar. 22	—Viola Abby (Ross) Goding	77	2	4
Apr. 1	—Katherine (Collins) Austin	84	3	7
Apr. 8	—Wilfred Joseph St. Amant	60	9	1
April 12	—Herbert L. Thurber	88	7	18
May 4	—Martha Bird Bliss	83	8	6
May 12	—Henry G. Todd	79	11	8
May 24	—Melvina (Gaboury) Ballou	89	6	10
May 27	—Lillian Orilla (Whitehead) Miner	84	3	17
May 30	—Albert Gray	81	—	—
June 12	—William Feeney	67	4	27
June 12	—Mrs. Carrie Almira (Haskell) Robinson	85	2	22
June 28	—Frederica (Maier) Cobb	83	10	6
July 18	—Susie (Carter) Drake	79	7	9
July 31	—George White	83	4	22
Aug. 2	—Edward N. Fisher	78	7	7
Aug. 21	—Helen (Tully) Aspin	65	4	11
Sept. 19	—Lizzie E. (Ladd) Chamberlain	85	11	23
Sept. 29	—Florence Margaret (Flory) Cline	72	5	—

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Oct. 11—Carolina (Mangiarotti) Garland	83	6	19
Oct. 13—James O. Cheney	69	5	—
Oct. 28—James Martin Donnelly	83	—	17
Nov. 11—Helen Malloy	51	8	17
Nov. 22—James Archie Forrester	77	—	14
Dec. 2—Nils Truedson	80	10	29
Dec. 26—Ariadna Durfee Marble	91	—	—
Dec. 31—Donald LeStage	79	—	6

**Resident****1954**

Dec. 24—Wallace MacRobie Wing	31	1	18
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**1955**

Jan. 3—Clarence F. Telford	63	3	9
Feb. 1—Emma J. (Collier) Boerger	89	1	20
Feb. 20—Thomas E. Skinner	81	10	—
Mar. 2—Bertha B. (Bestor) Brunner	84	4	5
Mar. 26—Eusebe Desjardins	96	4	25
Apr. 22—Maynard Watson Skinner	57	2	9
Apr. 24—Charles F. Bagley	77	8	28
Apr. 25—Henry A. Rhodes	67	3	15
May 3—Ruah M. (Fengar) Berry	63	11	25
May 15—Stella (Morse) Meyer	59	—	22
June 3—Eva M. (Ervin) Paton	73	11	20
June 4—Henry C. Hopkins	76	7	9
June 9—Charles William Allen	3	2	21
July 3—Albert E. Savage	75	9	27
July 21—Mary Elizabeth Dunn (Singer)	74	11	30
July 25—Charles E. Russell	65	5	20
Aug. 9—Lyman B. Hancock	89	10	3
Aug. 15—Blanche Coldwell	65	6	1
Sept. 12—Minnie E. Whiting	78	11	1
Sept. 15—Felix Dorset	84	7	28
Sept. 17—Evelyn Bennett	39	6	—
Oct. 2—Maryann Simmons	—	—	—
Oct. 13—Elizabeth B. (Sinclair) Court	77	11	23



Oct. 22—Lyman H. Parmenter	77	6	4
Nov. 6—Lottie E. (Kimball) Sargent	79	8	—
Nov. 25—Edgar F. Berry	73	2	8
Dec. 10—Orin Earl Kettell	52	8	29

#### Causes of Death

Carcinoma of Uterus	1	Carcinoma of Stomach	1
Nephritis	1	Metastasis	2
Pneumonia	5	Accident	2
Cerebral Hemorrhage	11	Coronary Occlusion	1
Arterio Sclerosis	15	Nieman Pick's Disease	1
Asphyxiation, drowning	2	Asphyxia	1
Myocarditis	4	Chronic Lumphatic	
Heart disease	3	Leukemia	1
Cerebral thrombosis	6	Pulmonary Oedema	1
Coronary Sclerosis	2	Carcinoma of Prostate	1
Duodenal Ulcer	1	Carcinomatosis	1
Coronary Infarct	1	Prematurity	1

A true copy. Attest:

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

**REPORT OF TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES****Year Ending December 31, 1955**

Salary	\$500.00	
Vital Statistics returned to Secretary of Commonwealth	118.00	
Postage	25.00	
Typing	10.50	
R. L. Polk (Directory)	30.00	
Hobbs & Warren Supplies	6.09	
The Carnegie Company Supplies	12.37	
Town Clerks' Association Dues	7.50	
		\$709.46
Appropriations	\$725.00	
Expenses	709.46	
		\$ 15.54

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS' EXPENSES****Year Ending December 31, 1955**

Harold Anderson, Salary	\$200.00	
Dacia Anderson, Salary	200.00	
Richard Cobb, Salary	200.00	
Arthur W. Washburn, Salary	200.00	
Typing Street Lists	20.00	
Mimeograph Paper (Abbot Office Eq.)	6.00	
Sec'y. of Commonwealth (Books)	10.50	
Hobbs & Warren Supplies	10.30	
		\$846.80
Appropriations	\$850.00	
Expenses	846.80	
		\$ 3.20

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Clerk of Board

**LICENSE FEES RECEIVED BY TOWN CLERK**

Number of Dogs Licensed: 288			\$660.00
6 Kennel Licenses	@	\$10.00	60.00
3 Kennel Licenses	@	25.00	75.00
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			\$795.00
Less fees			59.40
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			\$735.60
1 Common Victuallers	@	\$ 3.00	\$ 3.00
1 Week Day Amusement	@	1.00	1.00
1 All Alcoholic Restaurant	@	500.00	500.00
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			\$504.00
9 Common Victuallers	@	\$ 3.00	27.00
1 Lord's Day (Part Year)	@	1.00	1.00
13 Lord's Day	@	3.00	39.00
8 Sale of Gas	@	1.00	8.00
40 Sunday Amusements	@	1.00	40.00
1 Sunday Amusement			
Jute Box yearly	@	25.00	25.00
1 Week Day Amusement	@	1.00	1.00
1 Motor Vehicle Junk			
Class III	@	25.00	25.00
1 Used Car Dealer			
Class II	@	25.00	25.00
1 Auctioneer	@	2.00	2.00
1 Junk License (part year)	@	12.50	12.50
1 Junk License full year	@	25.00	25.00
1 Beer & Wine Restaurant			
(Part year)	@	100.00	100.00
2 Manicuring &			
Beauty Culture	@	1.00	2.00
2 Advertising	@	1.00	2.00
9 Wood Alcohol	@	1.00	9.00
1 All Alcoholic Package			
Store (Part year)	@	187.50	187.50
1 Package Store, Beer &			
Wine	@	100.00	100.00

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6 Overnight Cabins	@	.50	3.00
1 Piggery	@	1.00	1.00
1 Garbage	@	1.00	1.00
2 Mfg. Frozen Dessert	@	5.00	10.00
1 Drive-In Theater	@	40.00	40.00
1 Rooming House	@	1.00	1.00
1 Pony Track	@	3.00	3.00
1 Mfg. Sausage	@	3.00	3.00
2 Firearms	@	5.00	10.00
1 Gasoline Storage (Application)	@	1.00	1.00
17 Renewal Gas Storage	@	.50	8.50
1 Antiques	@	1.00	1.00
1 Taxi Cab	@	5.00	5.00
1 Lord's Day (4 days)	@	1.00	1.00
15 One-day Beer	@	1.00	15.00
8 Business Certificates	@	1.00	8.00
			<hr/> \$742.50

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\$1,982.10

1956 Licenses Paid in 1955	Brought forward	\$1,982.10
2 All Alcoholic Pkg. Store	@ \$500.00	\$1,000.00
5 Club License	@ 500.00	2,500.00
2 All Alcoholic Restaurant	@ 500.00	1,000.00
2 Beer & Wine Pkg. Store	@ 100.00	200.00
1 Druggist All Alcoholic	@ 150.00	150.00
2 Yearly Amusement	@ 25.00	50.00
7 Week Day Amusement	@ 1.00	7.00
1 Inn Holder	@ 5.00	5.00
7 Common Victualler	@ 3.00	21.00
		<hr/> \$4,933.00

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Paid to Town Treasurer \$6,915.10

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Hunting Licenses	292
Fishing Licenses	487
Sporting Licenses	209
Minor Fishing Licenses	52
Female Fishing Licenses	90
Resident Minor Trapping	4
Resident Citizen Trapping	9
Special Fishing	6
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	5
Non-Resident Citizen Fishing	19
Non-Resident Citizen Hunting	19
Duplicate	13
Resident Citizen Sporting (free)	31
Resident Citizen Fishing to Blind or Old Age Asst. (Free)	1
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	1,237

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,

Town Clerk

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**REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK AND DAIRIES**

December 9, 1955

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of milk and dairies for the Town of Plainville for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Milk Licenses issued 37 @ \$1.00	\$37.00
Cash Paid Town Treasurer	\$37.00

The Oleomargarine Law was repealed, therefore no license is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL B. THOMPSON,  
Milk Inspector



**JURY LIST****Town of Plainville, Massachusetts****July 1955—July 1956**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Occupation</b>
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**MEN**

Allen, Warren B.,	Mirimichi Street	Retail Fuel Dealer
Ashman, Robert G.,	Taunton Street	Metallurgist
Barton, Clinton E.,	67 South Street	Carpenter
Bouchard, John J.,	167 South Street	Printer
Breen, Donald F.,	93 Grove Street	Toolmaker
Clarke, Raymond D.,	91 W. Bacon Street	Foreman, Spray Rm.
Darling, Ronald C.,	114 E. Bacon Street	Toolmaker
Davis, Everett C.,	7 Lincoln Avenue	Inspector
Fawcett, Robert J.,	14 Broad Street	Wood Finisher
Felix, Ray P.,	8 Potter Avenue	Mgr. Retail Furniture
Franklin, Elton I., Jr.,	5 Highland Avenue	Accountant
Jillson, Edward J.,	8 Huntington Avenue	Foreman, Polishing
MacNeill, Robert J.,	148 South Street	Electrician
Martin, James C.,	14 Spring Street	Clerk, Pkg. Store
Nowick, Charles C.,	37 School Street	Ringmaker, Jewelry

**WOMEN**

Hamant, Lucy E.,	20 Bugbee	Paper Box Maker, (folder)
King, Maida L.,	360 South Street	Head Repair Dept. Mfg.
Patton, Violette C.,	95 Grove Street	Secretary

**ARTHUR W. WASHBURN,****Town Clerk**

**REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Slaughtering for the year ending December 31, 1955.

No carcasses have been inspected or stamped.

The required monthly reports were sent to the State Department of Health.

There is no slaughtering house in town at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL B. THOMPSON,  
Inspector of Slaughtering

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**REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year ending December 31, 1955.

All cattle brought in from out of state were identified by ear tag and released.

The fall inspection asked for by the State was completed and report sent to the State.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL B. THOMPSON,  
Inspector of Animals

**REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1955**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Scales	Adjusted	Sealed	Fee	Total
Scales 100-5000 lbs.	1	6	\$1.00	\$ 6.00
Scales under 100 lbs	3	20	.50	10.00

**Weights:**

Avoirdupois	1	35	.10	3.50
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**Liquid Measures:**

1 Gallon or under		4	.10	.40
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**Automatic Liquid**

**Measuring Devices:**

Not over 1 inch	2	18	1.00	18.00
Inlet over 1 inch		7	3.00	21.00
Oil and Grease		5	.25	1.25

<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>95</b>		<b>\$60.15</b>
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**Reweighing of Commodities Put Up For Sale**

Bread, 12; Butter, 8; Flour, 4; Lard, 5; Potatoes, 10; Onions, 4; Cookies, 6; Frozen Foods, 12.

Cash paid to Town Treasurer		\$60.15
Appropriation	\$110.00	
Salary	\$75.00	
Town of North		
Attleboro	10.00	
Transportation and		
Supplies	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$110.00

ADRIAN G. WHEELER,

Sealer

# REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby present our annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1955:

During the year 27 arrests were made. Crime against public order 19. Crime against Property, 4. Crime against Person, 4.

Complaints and investigations, 314.

Papers served for out of town departments — Summons 50, Warrants 1, and Capias 1.

Motor vehicle accidents for the year, 63. Persons injured, 36, and Death, 1.

Appropriation	\$6,550.00
Day Patrolman	780.00

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\$7,330.00

Chief Elmer C. Pease	\$3,416.50
Sgt. Herbert A. Morse	175.50
Sgt. Clarence P. Avery	261.25
Night Patrol, Ernest J. LaPorte	852.00
Special Police	1,913.61
Supplies	351.25
Telephones	292.42

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Expended	\$7,262.53
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Balance	\$ 67.47
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Appropriation for Cruiser	\$2,550.00
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Cruiser	\$1,994.95
Equipment	431.71

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Expended	\$2,426.66
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Balance	\$ 123.34
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Appropriation	\$750.00
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Mobile Radio	\$400.00	
Out-Side Speaker	20.00	
Service for year	60.00	
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		\$480.00
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Balance		\$270.00

The Town purchased and equipped a new Police Cruiser of the ranch wagon type to be used for patrolling and emergency ambulance work.

The equipment comprising of a First Aid Kit, Stretcher, Blankets, Fire Extinguisher, Interceptor Engine, Heavy Duty Generator, Two Manual Control Spot Lights, Siren with a Flashing Blue Light, Flashing Blue Dome Light on Roof, Out-side Speaker, Two way Radio & Transmitter that is tied in with North Attleboro, Attleboro, and Norton Police, North Attleboro Police will receive and relay our calls.

The new cruiser was put to a test when a bad accident occurred on Route 106 which caused severe injury to the occupants, necessitating speedy removal to the Hospital.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the members of this department, the members of the Board of Selectmen, and the various Town Officials for their fine cooperation and assistance during the past year of 1955.

Respectfully submitted,,

ELMER C. PEASE,

Chief of Police



**BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE**

Appropriation:	\$16,500.00
Refunds OAA	436.56
Refund General Welfare	17.30
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Balance	\$16,953.86

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE**

Cash Payments	\$15,293.44
Town of Wrentham	117.36
Town of North Attleboro	159.51
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	\$15,570.31

**AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN**

Cash Payments	\$546.80
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**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Cash Payments	\$180.00
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**GENERAL WELFARE**

Cash Payments	\$ 689.05
Rogers Nursing Home	1,536.64
Sturdy Memorial Hospital	726.60
Joseph Casey, Ambulance	16.00
Drugs	208.74
Food Orders	95.00
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	\$ 3,272.03
Social Service Index	\$10.00
Hobbs & Warren, forms	9.18
Postage	9.00
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	\$ 28.18
Total Payments	<hr/>
	\$19,598.12
Overdrawn	<hr/>
	\$ 2,644.26

ANNUAL REPORT  
of the  
School Committee  
of  
PLAINVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS



For Year Ending December 31, 1955

## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

CHARLES O. PEASLEY, Chairman                      Term Expires 1956  
Telephone Myrtle 9-8240

MRS. HELEN A. SMITH, Secretary                      Term Expires 1957  
Telephone Myrtle 5-9593

MELVIN V. CHEVERS                                      Term Expires 1958  
Telephone Myrtle 5-5167

MRS. MARY V. PROAL                                      Term Expires 1958  
Telephone Myrtle 5-6874

ROBERT W. ROOT                                          Term Expires 1956  
Telephone Myrtle 5-5975

Meeting of the School Committee is held in the Superintendent's office of the Plainville Elementary School on the first Monday of each month.

### Union Superintendent of Schools, Norton and Plainville

LAURENCE G. NOURSE  
Residence Telephone, Norton 5-7952  
School (Plainville Elementary) Myrtle 5-6571

Superintendent may be reached at the office in the Plainville Elementary School every Tuesday, and other days by appointment.

### AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE WORK CERTIFICATES

KENNETH L. SHARP, Principal  
Telephone Myrtle 9-4091 or 5-6571

School Physician  
DR. JOHN T. COTTER  
Telephone Myrtle 5-6342

School Nurse  
MRS. JANET CLAUDY  
Telephone Myrtle 5-6788

Attendance Officer  
ELMER PEASE

**SCHOOL CALENDAR 1955-56****Elementary and High Schools:**

First term opens September 22, 1955  
First term closes December 23, 1955  
Second term opens January 3, 1956  
Second term closes February 21, 1956  
Third term opens February 27, 1956  
Third term closes April 17, 1956  
Fourth term opens April 23, 1956  
Fourth term closes:  
    Elementary School, June 19, 1956  
    High School, June 22, 1956

**Holidays for all schools:**

October 12, Columbus Day  
October 28, County Convention  
November 11, Veterans Day  
November 23, ½ day Elementary  
November 24-25, Thanksgiving  
March 30, 1956, Good Friday  
May 30, Memorial Day

**School Sessions:**

High School: Regular session	8:35 to 2:30
Elementary School	8:45 to 2:35

7:30 A. M.—Three double blasts on fire alarm system signifies no school for all pupils for the day.

7:45 A. M.—Same signal signifies no school for Elementary pupils.

11:30 A. M.—Same signal signifies no school in the afternoon and Elementary pupils will stay in school until 1:00 P. M.

Plainville NO SCHOOL signals are broadcast over Station WARA 7:00 A. M., 7:30 A. M., 8:00 A. M. and 8:30 A. M.

**REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

To the Citizens of Plainville:

The Plainville Public Schools have outgrown their present housing making it necessary for the school committee to decide between having available outside classroom space or holding double sessions in some classes. The committee finally decided the best solution was to hold double sessions in some classes. Recent school census figures show a definite possibility of an eighteen-unit Elementary school in six years time. Serious and considered thought should be given immediately by the taxpayers to the problem of providing enlarged Elementary school housing facilities.

The school committee revised the teacher salary schedule in this year's budget for the purpose of continuing to solve two problems:

1. To discourage teacher turn-over.
2. To attract the highest possible teacher candidates to Plainville.

We feel we have an excellent corps of teachers at present and would like to do everything possible to keep them and maintain present high standards. We were most fortunate in having a low turn-over this last year.

Educationally, splendid progress has been made in solving the reading problem in the school system.

The budget was prepared this year with every consideration of the rising tax rate in Plainville. We do not feel, however, that educational standards should be sacrificed in the interest of too stringent economy.

The committee wishes to thank the faculty and all other employees of the Plainville Schools for their efforts in the successful operation of the schools in the past year. We wish to express our appreciation to all Civic Organizations, the



Alumni, Town Officials, Town Service Departments and all other groups and individuals who in any way helped the committee in operating the schools.

We urge careful study of our budget and the reports of Superintendent Laurence Nourse and Principal Kenneth Sharp.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES O. PEASLEY, Chairman  
HELEN A. SMITH, Secretary  
MELVIN V. CHEVERS  
MARY V. PROAL  
ROBERT W. ROOT

**MONEY AVAILABLE FOR SCHOOLS IN 1955**

Appropriation	\$95,250.00
Interest on Town School Fund	11.44
Refund	12.41
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	\$95,273.85

**Expenses**

## General Expenses

School Committee	315.00
Superintendent' Salary	2,810.04
School Union Travel	240.00
Clerical Service	596.56
Miscellaneous Expenses	439.91

## Expenses of Instruction

Salaries	63,917.72
Books & Supplies	3,763.60

## Operation of School Plant

Janitors	5,601.67
Fuel	3,225.31
Miscellaneous	3,548.81
Maintenance	2,392.66
Health	1,093.70
Transportation	4,758.66
New Equipment	2,392.75
Driver Education	176.62

Total	<hr/> \$95,273.01
Balance	\$ .84

**THE TOWN RECEIVED FROM THE STATE ON ACCOUNT  
OF SCHOOLS**

	1952	1953	1954	1955
Chapter 643				
State Aid	\$14,811.80	\$17,686.81	\$19,196.18	\$20,985.87
For Superintendent	1,493.33	1,477.46	1,457.88	1,493.33
For School Bus Transportation	2,136.89	2,170.00	2,763.02	2,529.84
From Tuition				
Youth Service				
Board	787.36	362.09	442.89	436.19
State	17.10			
Private	100.00	50.00	100.00	60.00
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	\$19,346.48	\$21,746.36	\$23,959.97	\$25,505.23
Total				
Expenditures	\$68,710.22	\$76,650.52	\$83,955.23	\$95,273.01
Receipts from outside sources	\$19,346.48	\$21,746.36	\$23,959.97	\$25,505.23
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Expenditures by the Town of Plainville	\$49,363.74	\$54,904.16	\$59,995.26	\$69,767.78

**1956 ESTIMATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
CHAPTER 643, 1948**

Chapter 643 State Aid	\$22,926.49
For Superintendent	1,493.33
For Transportation	2,366.00
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	\$26,785.82
Additional Receipts 1955	
Rental	\$275.00

# PLAINVILLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET 1956

	Budget 1956	Expended 1955	Expended 1954	Expended 1953
School Committee	\$ 315.00	\$ 315.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 195.00
Superintendent				
Salary	4,424.00	2,810.04	2,660.04	2,560.00
School Union	240.00	240.00	240.00	240.00
Clerk	1,280.00	596.56	552.98	497.19
Miscellaneous	350.00	439.91	576.86	342.79
Special Education	100.00			
Teachers' Salaries	75,084.00	63,917.72	55,751.92	49,971.63
Books and Supplies	4,600.00	3,763.60	4,258.62	4,052.65
Operation of School Plant				
Janitors	6,149.00	5,601.67	5,681.00	5,315.00
Fuel	3,600.00	3,225.31	3,291.32	3,368.63
Miscellaneous	3,500.00	3,548.81	2,511.34	2,930.67
Maintenance	2,400.00	2,392.66	851.47	437.13
Health	2,200.00	1,093.70	1,103.25	983.20
Transportation	7,834.00	4,758.66	4,956.02	4,552.19
New Equipment	1,100.00	2,392.75	1,156.57	1,094.97
Driver Education	150.00	176.62	163.84	109.17
	<u>\$113,326.00</u>	<u>\$95,273.01</u>	<u>\$83,955.23</u>	<u>\$76,650.52</u>
Total Reimbursements (Est.)	26,785.82	25,505.23	23,959.97	21,746.36
	<u>\$ 86,540.18</u>	<u>\$69,767.78</u>	<u>\$59,995.26</u>	<u>\$54,904.16</u>
Net Expenditures (Est.)				
Athletic Budget	\$600.00	\$500.00	\$300.00	

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

To the Plainville School Committee:

I have the honor of submitting to you my thirty-second annual report and the forty-ninth in the series of reports. The Town of Plainville has made phenomenal growth in the past year, with resulting problems in the Plainville Public Schools. This report covers some of these items and recommendations for the future plans for meeting the situation.

**Survey of the Status of Education**

In order to set forth the local status of education, it would be well to set forth, for background for this picture, the national status. Recently the Ford Foundation announced the biggest gift from a private source ever made for the support of education. At approximately the same time, the Foundation published a bulletin "Teachers for Tomorrow." From this bulletin and from recent bulletins by the United States Chamber of Commerce, the National School Boards Association and the National Association of Manufacturers, I quote below very, very briefly a few statements to set the background for the Plainville data.

**How Important Is Education?**

"The good Education of Youth has been esteemed by wise Men in all Ages, as the surest Foundation of the Happiness both of private Families and of Commonwealths."  
—Benjamin Franklin.

"The teachers of this country, one may say, have its future in their hands."—William James

"The future growth of America, of our economy and of our security, is directly dependent upon our ability to continue to increase the level of education in the United States."—Charles E. Wilson

**School Enrollments**

The rise in births has already caused an acute overcrowding of our Elementary Schools. By 1960, Elementary enroll-

ments will be 68% above 1946 and 28% above 1954. By 1969, the children already born will push secondary school enrollments to more than 70% above the 1954 level. Another estimate—by 1960, the Elementary enrollments will increase 47% over 1950 and the High School enrollments by 52%. The Massachusetts estimate is that by 1960, the High School population will increase 32% over 1954. The Elementary increase for Massachusetts is estimated as 16%.

### How to Find the Teachers Needed

The rise in enrollments confronts American Schools with a staggering problem of finding enough good teachers. The total teaching force must expand more in the next ten years than in the past thirty-five. There are three main sources for teachers for tomorrow: (1) The teachers we now have, (2) Young people coming up through school and college, (3) College-educated adults in the community. There are three essential conditions for attracting and holding able people: (1) The prestige and status of teaching. This must be comparable to other professions in the eyes of the community, the teachers themselves and the able young people who are choosing careers. (2) The salary structure. This must be high enough and flexible enough to compete effectively with other fields bidding for quality manpower. (3) The teacher's job. This must be so defined and organized as to challenge and utilize effectively the interest and ability of talented people.

### Teacher Salaries

The weakness of the typical salary schedule in teaching is not simply that it is in general too low, but that it is too rigid, too unrelated to ability and performance and too prone to treat all teachers and all teaching assignments as if they were essentially identical.

#### Average Annual Earnings in Various Occupations 1953

Non-teaching		Teaching	
Railroad Engineers	\$7,352	Teachers in small city High Schools	\$4,292
Railroad Conductors	6,676	Teachers in big city Elementary Schools	4,817



Workers in Automobile Manufacturing Industry \$4,947	Teachers in small city Elementary Schools \$3,682
Telephone Operators of the N. Y. Telephone Co. 3,224	Teachers in small town Elementary Schools 3,190

Careful consideration of above data in comparison with Plainville schedule shows the Plainville needs. With the recent revision, the teacher salary schedule is as follows:

Bachelor's Degree	Min. \$3000	Max. \$4450
Master's Degree	Min. 3200	Max. 4650

This change will merely keep the same relative status with other towns—which is low.

### Plainville Public School Enrollment Survey

The present school enrollments for 1955-56 and the anticipated enrollments for 1956-57 are given below. This data is based on the present enrollments and the recent school census. The most careful consideration and early action to meet the emergency caused by the phenomenal increases in school enrollments due to the rapid growth of the Town is respectfully called to your attention.

Grade	1955-56	Grade	1956-57
1	63 pupils	1	25 pupils
		1	25
		1	25
2	56	2	31
		2	32
3	67	3	23
		3	33
4	56	4	33
		4	34
5	47	5	34
		5-6	32
6	39	6	37

7	43	7	28
8	44	7-8	26
		8	28
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415 (13 rooms)		446 (15 rooms)	
12 in Elem. School		12 in Elem. School	
1 in H. S. not available		3 new rooms needed	
in 1956-57			

### Plainville High School Enrollment Survey

Grade	1955-56	Grade	1956-57
9	31 pupils	9	44 pupils
10	26	10	31
11	15	11	25
12	22	12	14
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	94		114
High School	1955-56	High School	1956-57
5 Teachers		6 Teachers	
		Use Assembly Room	
Grand Total		Grand Total	
Elem. & H. S.	509	Elem. & H. S.	560
Average gain	1955 over 1954	— 22%	

### Summary of Needs:

3 more Elementary Classrooms  
 2 more Elementary Teachers  
 1 more High School Teacher

### Plainville Elementary Enrollment Survey Grades 1-6

Grade	1955-56	1956-57	1957-58	1958-59	1959-60
1	63 pupils	75 pupils	80 pupils	80 pupils	85 pupils
2	56	63	75	80	80
3	67	56	63	75	80
4	56	67	56	63	75
5	47	56	67	56	63
6	39	47	56	67	56
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328		364	397	421	439

The above table gives the enrollments in the first six grades as at present, with the projection for the next four years. While there was an increase of 22% in 1955 over 1954

in the total enrollment, the above tables estimates only an approximate 10% yearly increase. This is a conservative estimate. A change in housing developments may radically change these figures. The above are probable minimum figures. No estimate of increase in grades above the first by pupils moving into Town has been included.

Grade 1 in 1953 had 42 pupils. The same grade in 1954 became 49 and the same grade in 1955 became 65 in number. Likewise, Grade 1 in 1954 with enrollment of 37 became in the next year, 1955, 53 in number. A similar drastic enrollment is not anticipated but some increase is inevitable based upon the present Census data.

439 students in September 1959 will require 16 classrooms, based upon the standard, accepted classroom size for Elementary Schools of 27 pupils. While there are 12 classrooms being used at the present time, 2 should not be used except in emergency situations. The Library should be reserved for its own purpose and equipped and allowed to function for library purposes. The Kindergarten Room was designed and planned for that purpose and should be reserved for that function. Therefore, plans should be started at once for a minimum of six additional classrooms. These will be needed even after Grades 7 & 8 are transferred to the Regional High School. A minimum of two years, and preferably three years, is essential for the purpose of proper planning and construction of a new school or major addition.

In the National Survey of Education quoted earlier, the enrollment increase from 1946 to the estimated 1960 is 68%. The corresponding figure for Plainville is 196%. Likewise, the Plainville increase in the Elementary enrollment from 1954 to the estimated 1960 is 78% while the National estimate is 28%. These figures confirm the general statement of the seriousness of the Plainville problem.

I urge the Plainville School Committee to bring this situation to the attention of the Citizens of the Town.

### **School Bus Transportation**

The rapid increase in school enrollment has also drastically affected the bus transportation. In 1950-51, there were

138 pupils transported with two buses on three routes. With the same number of buses and routes in 1952-53, 181 were transported. With a similar system in 1953-54, 190 pupils were carried. In 1954-55, with two buses and four routes, 200 pupils were transported. In the fall of the present year, 260 pupils were on the standard school bus routes. This required each bus to do three routes or six routes in all. As it was not possible to add another bus within the present school budget, additional routes had to be added. This system requires much more waiting by pupils, both before school and after school, with many inherent problems both for the school and for the home. With a probable school bus enrollment of 300 pupils in September 1956, a third bus has been estimated in the school budget. Each bus will make two trips. As the same mileage will be covered, each route will be shorter and the time of waiting, therefore also will be shorter. With one overflow elementary classroom during the current year, noon transportation had to be furnished. The final determination of the school housing problem for the three additional classrooms will also affect the school bus system.

### **The Regional School**

On November 15, 1954, the Towns of Norfolk, Plainville and Wrentham voted in favor of forming a Regional School District. The plans call for a six-year High School, grades 7 through 12, starting in September 1957. There is every expectation that this time schedule will be maintained.

The Regional Committee appointed the Superintendents of the three Towns to act as Educational Consultants and work with them in making plans for this school. Weekly meetings with the Regional Committee; frequent conferences with the architect for analysis and revision of his plans; conferences with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission in Boston; study conferences with teachers of the three towns on the proposed plan; and frequent meetings of the three consultants for the purpose of making recommendations to the Regional Committee have been held. On January 6, 1955 the first report on the educational specifications was made to the Regional Committee. This was revised and enlarged in later reports on February 2, 1955 and March 14, 1955. At two public meetings—one in Wrentham and one in Plainville—

a progress report to the public was made. The educational specifications for the new school include:

1. The Educational Program.
2. The Statement of Objectives.
3. The preliminary report on the school site.
4. The estimated school enrollments.
5. The program of studies giving the schedule of classes in each curriculum for all grades, 7 through 12.
6. The estimated enrollment in each subject taught each year of the school.
7. The recommended number of rooms and size of rooms for all classes and administrative and operational activities.

The estimated number of teachers is 46, with an anticipated enrollment of 1000 pupils.

I wish to report that the most conscientious effort and enthusiastic interest has been given by the three Plainville Representatives to the work of the Regional Committee: Mr. Melvin V. Chevers, Mr. Edward H. Hemmingsen and Mr. Clarence E. Skinner Jr. It has been both a privilege and a challenge to work with these men and the representatives from the other towns on the Regional Committee.

### **Workshop in the Language Arts**

For the in-service training of teachers, a Harvard-Boston University Extension Course running through the school year 1955-56 was organized. Dr. B. Alice Crossley of Boston University was secured to carry on this program. Dr. Crossley had two years ago brought much technical help and inspiration to the teachers who took the course in "The Teaching of Reading." Therefore, we felt fortunate in securing her for organizing the Workshop in the Language Arts.

The main object is to build a curriculum in this field for the Plainville Schools by the Plainville Teachers, under the direction of Dr. Crossley. This program is being shared cooperatively with the teachers of Mansfield and Norton who each have a similar objective for their schools.



A curriculum for the Elementary Grades will be built covering the following topics:

1. Oral Language
2. Written Language
3. Handwriting
4. Spelling
5. Literature
6. Choral Speaking

Emphasis will be placed on grammar, punctuation, capitalization and usage in all written work. The importance of conversation and discussion in the oral program will be stressed. There will be correlation of the Language Arts with other activities and school projects. A most practical program of direct benefit to the teachers and to the school system is planned.

The following teachers from Plainville are enrolled in the class: Beatrice Wood, Frances Dustin, Esther Grant, Lucille Zwicker, Seymour Kaitz, Alden Randall, Mildred Hart, Ida Meade, Mary Zajac and Phyllis Martin.

The reports received from the Principal, Supervisors and Special Staff Members follow. Your careful examination of these is urged. The outstanding work being done by Principal Sharp was commended in the report of last year. I am most happy to repeat that commendation. All of the Plainville School Staff have worked together most faithfully and effectively to make the past year an outstanding one. The new work in the field of instrumental music by Mr. Freeman deserves special attention.

### **PLAINVILLE HIGH AND ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

**Mr. Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal**

It is a pleasure to submit my third annual report to you on the Plainville Schools. Continual support, cooperation and sincerity have made the past year beneficial and enjoyable.

We are this year increasing our efforts in the guidance program. The Senior Class has been given aptitude tests by the State Employment Office and the results will be given



to the students in interviews later this year. The State Employment Office helps to find employment for the graduates in the Spring, particularly those not planning further formal education. College representatives, including those from four-year colleges, business colleges, industrial schools and others have visited school and talked with students. Parents have discussed educational and vocational plans with us. Seniors have in many instances applied for admission to the colleges of their choice. There is a good indication that more than one-third of the Senior Class will continue their education in the fall of 1956. Other than helping Seniors, we are working at all times with every grade to guide them in the right educational direction and to build up sufficient materials through formal and informal testing, so that greater assistance can be given later.

We were pleased to receive from the Alumni Association, one hundred dollars to be used for Audio-visual materials. We have bought fifty film strips so that all grades will benefit from them.

The Plainville Teachers Club has for the past two years awarded a \$100 scholarship to some member of our Senior Class. In 1954, Marilyn Bowmar won it and in 1955 Robert Hayes was the recipient. This scholarship will continue in 1956.

The Adult Education Program showed considerable growth this past year. Eighty-eight people registered in the following courses: Sewing, Rug Braiding, Painting and Sketching, Shorthand and Typing, Ceramics, Upholstery, and Woodworking. In the fall of 1955, thirty-one pupils signed up for Driver Education. These people will complete their course in early spring. In all, one hundred nineteen have taken advantage of the program in the past year. Further plans are being made to continue this self-supporting program.

For the first time since 1940, the High School will publish a yearbook. It is called "The Highlighter" and will attempt to record activities of High School pupils during their years in school. All teachers are cooperating with students in the preparation. It is hoped that this project may continue another year and that valuable experience may be carried into the Regional School.

Many of our faculty members are enrolled in extension courses. All except one of the teachers in grades one through five plus the eighth grade English teacher are taking a workshop course in Language Arts which was arranged by the Plainville and Norton School Departments. Meetings are being held throughout the year in both of these towns as well as in the town of Mansfield. One of the objectives of the course is to revise the Language Arts Course in each system if this is found to be necessary. Other teachers are studying in their particular fields to keep abreast of the times and to complete work on advanced degrees. Work such as this on the part of the faculty is commendable.

In the fall of 1956, forty-four Freshmen will be eligible to enter the High School. It will be necessary to split this class into two groups for English, Civics and General Science. When this is done we shall have to have another teacher and we shall have to utilize the classroom now occupied by the sixth grade.

Increased enrollment has caused us to enlarge our lunch program. Additional tables have been purchased and near capacity floor space is now being utilized. As compared to an average daily meal count of 230 to 250, the lunchroom staff of three is now feeding a daily average of 330 to 350. Any marked growth in enrollment will force us to divide the lunch periods into three parts and may necessitate one additional helper. We are very pleased with the manner in which the program is being carried out by our present staff and wish to commend them for their part in making our program successful.

Both Elementary and High School have produced several very successful social programs during the year. Although our athletic teams did not win a large percentage of their games, we did provide the opportunity for a large proportion to take an active part. A very good program of Physical Education and sports is being carried on in grades six, seven and eight by William and Harry Kummer. The Annual Music Festival, The Science Fair, Class Dances and the Senior Play were all successful. Ample opportunity is being provided so that each student may participate in at least one extra curricular activity.

The past school year has been a challenging one for all. The big problem has been one of adequately caring for a

continual increasing enrollment. Only cooperation on the part of the School Committee, the Superintendent, Teachers and Citizens has made the solution of these problems possible.

Your kind assistance, guidance and leadership are greatly appreciated.

## ART

### Louise B. Spier, Supervisor

"Art is expression and creation with visual elements: line, form, color, texture, space, light and motion."—Stanley A. Czurles

Basically, art is a process, a way of doing. It affects the mental and emotional development within the individual as well as the structure of material things one creates. The art program in our schools has endeavored to develop each child to his fullest creative capacity.

Crayons, easel paint, finger paint, transparent watercolor, tempera paint, pencil, ink and cut paper are some of the art media used. Illustration, design, posters, art appreciation and construction work for special days have been done as usual. Slides on Ceramics from the Eastern Arts Association Loan Service were shown to the upper grades. Paintings were submitted to the International Art Exchange Program; and animal posters, to the M.S.P.C.A. The results of this annual poster contest were as follows:

1st prize:	Prescott Mason	Grade 9
	Juanita Ruest	8
	Diane Coady	7
	Jerrilyn Ruest	5
	David Schofield	4
2nd prize:	Clifford O'Brien	11
	Eleanor Pierce	8
	Lee Newman	7
	Beth Perreault	6
	Peter Rubyck	5
	Beverly McGrath	4
3rd prize:	Francis Beauregard	9
	Judy Kiff	8
	James Ruest	7
	Richard Marcoullier	6
	Patricia Simmons	6

The annual exhibit for the P.T.A. was held in May. Examples of art work done throughout the school year by the pupils was on display in every school room. The high school exhibit was shown at the rear of the gymnasium. During April, in the display case in the hall of the Elementary School "Art in Our Schools" showed examples of work from grades 1 through 8 the first week of the time allotted to the Art Department; and the high school work, during the second week.

Starting last September, two and one-half days have been scheduled for the art supervisor. This affords additional time for the high school and grades 3 through 8 as well as art service periods. They have proved to be of great benefit.

May I take this opportunity to thank Mr. Nourse, Mr. Sharp and all the teachers for their loyal cooperation?

## MUSIC

### Harriet F. Washburn, Supervisor Primary School

As I again present my annual report, may I begin by a word of appreciation to you, to Mr. Sharp and to all of the faculty under my supervision, each one of whom is always ready and willing to carry out any plans I may have, or to offer suggestions for the improvement of the music program in the lower grades.

The program each year shows progress from Grade 1 to Grade 5 and we try to show that progress in our Spring Festival. Through the many avenues of approach to a knowledge of our subject we not only sing by rote but in the third grade we begin singing by note; by rhythm orchestra; by dancing and by listening to recordings of good music. We hope to instill a love for music that will give to the children some of the cultural background, without which one is not truly educated. Most of the engineering schools today are including the Fine Arts in their curriculum to a greater degree than ever before.

A new innovation last year was the introduction to one of the third grades of the Symphonet, an inexpensive yet competent instrument. In a few short weeks the children

were playing solos and two-part music. I had hoped to stimulate a desire for instrumental study in the children and was delighted when Mr. Freeman came to our schools to help the children to play reed and brass instruments.

Probably very few of the children will become professional musicians but at least they will have a desire to sing in a choir or chorus, play in an amateur orchestra or band or enjoy listening to worthwhile music.

I found this paragraph in one of my music magazines by James F. Cooke in an article which supposed the world were suddenly deprived of all its music, "Music is one of the most powerful means of helping our civilization to advance to a newer and better era by enabling the people of the whole world to reach up to higher and more rational, wholesome standards of living, for the good of mankind and to the glory of God."

## MUSIC

**Warren S. Freeman, Supervisor  
Junior-Senior High School  
and  
Director of Instrumental Music**

I have the honor to submit to you my first report of the music activities in the Plainville Schools. This report will cover the period from March through December of 1955.

The work during the spring of 1955 was concentrated in the field of instrumental music. A band group was organized and this group now contains more than 40 students of the elementary and high school levels. The group meets for rehearsal each week, and the time is spent in the development of technique of playing the instruments and the building of a solid repertoire of band pieces. It is expected that the group will be enlarged during the coming months, and eventually that a separate junior band will be organized to provide a training facility for the more advanced group. Instruction on a self-sustaining basis was continued for six weeks during the summer months. This period helped us to give more advanced instruction to some of our players who already had started, and to start several new players who are now full-fledged members of the band group.



Beginning in the fall of 1955 I took over the work in all branches of music from grade 6 through the high school. These activities include regular supervisory visits to grade 6 and the complete responsibility for the junior and senior high school music. The junior high school groups meet for an hour period each Friday. The time is spent in listening to and analyzing a selected group of musical compositions, in group singing, both unison and parts, creative activity and all other phases of a complete program of music education for the junior high school level. This work is supplemented by periodic meetings of individual classes under the direction of the regular classroom teachers in grades 7 and 8. It might be worthy of comment that this particular set-up at Plainville is unique in many ways, but most particularly because it provides a very good example of what excellent results can be achieved in junior high school with the proper administrative and teaching set-up.

In the high school a start has been made with a small glee club group. It is expected that this group will be enlarged to include most of the students in the high school during the Spring in order that a performance of Gilbert and Sullivan's "Mikado" may be presented as the feature activity of this group for the season.

The music department presented the Christmas assembly for the entire elementary and high school group on December 23rd. The program included a short play with music by grade 6, the Christmas tableaux by grades 7 and 8 and carol singing led by the high school students. In addition, a guest soloist, Miss Melba MacLeod, sang several selections. This was the first coordinated effort of the music department under the new set-up.

At this time I would like to take the opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to Mr. Nourse, Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Kenneth Sharp, Principal, for the unflinching cooperation which has been a part of our music program this year. I am confident that the musical offerings for the boys and girls of Plainville will develop in the community, through the children in the schools, a real sense of music appreciation which is the fundamental aim of our entire program.



**SCHOOL PHYSICIAN****Dr. John T. Cotter**

The annual examination of the pupils of the Plainville School System is now being conducted. The general health of the children is good. The largest problems lie in tooth and tonsil pathology but there has been an increase in flat feet reported.

No student has been kept from participating in school athletic activities. No hernia was found in those examined.

A clinic for prevention of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough was held last spring and was fairly well attended. It is expected that this will be repeated in the spring of 1956.

It has been a pleasure to serve as school physician for the Town of Plainville and I am grateful for the assistance which has been rendered by Mrs. Claudy, school nurse, and for the cooperation I have received from the faculty.

**SCHOOL NURSE****Janet Claudy, R.N.**

Physical examinations are at present in progress for pupils in grades 1, 4, 7, 9 and 11. These periodic health examinations are given by Dr. Cotter, the school physician.

During October, 1955, all seniors and a number of faculty members and school personnel were x-rayed by a mobile unit sent to Plainville by the Norfolk County Health Association.

A Dental Hygienist from the Massachusetts Health Department has examined the teeth of students in the first four grades.

Early in December 1955, vision testing equipment was presented to the school by the Plainville Lions Club. By means of this apparatus, the vision of every pupil will be examined before the end of the present school year. Hearing tests are also scheduled for each student. At the conclusion of these tests, parents will be notified of an existing physical

defect that has been discovered as a result of various examinations.

During the early Spring months of 1955, a series of three immunization clinics was held in the Health Unit. Dr. Cotter administered protective inoculations of triple antigen to all who were eligible. A similar clinic is planned for the present year.

During June 1955, two inoculations of Salk Anti-Polio vaccine were given to all first and second grade children who were enrolled in the Plainville Elementary School and The Dominican Academy. Parental consent was obtained from the parents of these pupils. The vaccine was obtained from the State Health Department and administered free of charge. A clinic for this purpose was held in the Health Room of the Elementary School and the inoculations were given by Dr. John Cotter and Dr. Maurice Grant.

The usual spring-time registration will be held in May or June 1956. At this time all prospective first grade children for the Plainville Elementary School will be registered. It is felt that this early enrolling of pupils will eliminate a great deal of the so-called "wrinkles" of the next school term.

I should like to express my thanks to members of the Plainville Lions Club for the generous gift of our recently acquired vision testing kit.

To Dr. Cotter, Mr. Nourse, Mr. Sharp and all members of the teaching staff go my thanks also for the excellent cooperation and assistance they have given our school health program.

#### Closing

With the pleasant and cooperative efforts of the Plainville School Committee and the Regional Committee, it has been possible to meet the responsibilities of the past year and to look forward to the coming year with assurance.

Respectfully submitted,

LAURENCE G. NOURSE,  
Superintendent

## PLAINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Exercises, June 23, 1955

Theme: "Now Is the Future"

Processional

Invocation Reverend John M. Bowmar

Salutatory—"There Is No Failure Except By Ceasing to Try"  
Beverly Jean SmithGlee Club—"I Believe" Arranged by Harry Wilson  
"At Parting" Rogers

Valedictory—"Now Is the Future" Robert Johnson Hayes

Glee Club—"The Halls of Ivy" Russell-Knight

Address—Mr. Philip Leach, Executive of Leach & Garner Co.  
and General Findings Co., Attleboro

Class Gift Presentation Barbara Anne Cobb

President Senior Class

Presentation of Elks Scholarship F. N. Zilch  
Lecturing Knight, No. Attleboro Lodge of Elks

Presentation of Awards Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas Mrs. Helen A. Smith  
Secretary, Plainville School Committee

Benediction Reverend Francis A. McLaughlin

Recessional

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 CLASS ROLL

Gilbert Blanchard Bagley Sara Ann Lovely

Clinton Eugene Barton James Eugene McGee

Sandra Jean Broman Eugene Thomas Norton

Geraldine Anne Caron Donald William Perreault

Barbara Anne Cobb Phyllis Ellen Peterson

## ANNUAL REPORT

Ronald William Darling	Shirley Ann Pimentel
Mowry Wilbert Falk	Stewart Searle
Alfred Louis Felici	Beverly Jean Smith
Robert Johnson Hayes	Beverly Anne Snell
Lynn Ann Kahler	Robert Howard Stolworthy
Kenneth Earl Larson	Dorothy Beatrice Wyatt

## CLASS OFFICERS

President	Barbara Anne Cobb
Vice-President	Lynn Ann Kahler
Treasurer	Robert Johnson Hayes
Secretary	Geraldine Anne Caron
Valedictorian	Robert Johnson Hayes
Salutatorian	Beverly Jean Smith
Marshal	James Wallace Dickinson, Class of '56

## CLASS COLORS

Maroon and White

## CLASS MOTTO

"There Is No Failure Except By Ceasing to Try"

## STATISTICS

## Extracts from the School Census, October 1955

	Girls	Boys
Pupils between 5 and 7	75	80
Pupils between 7 and 16	222	218
	<hr/> 297	<hr/> 298

## Perfect Attendance for the School Year 1954-55

Grade 10	Judith Negus
Grade 9	Rose Reynolds
Grade 8	Eugene Newman, Constance Myers, Juanita Ruest
Grade 7	William Bishop, Walter Burlingame, Bruce Findlay, Lee Newman
Grade 6	Doreen Paul, Carol Cooper, Steve Kettell
Grade 5	Jeffrey Felix, Maurice Leblanc
Grade 4	Albert Newman, Sara Chevers
Grade 2	Linda Snell

## Work Certificates

Number of full-time educational certificates issued	58
Number of part-time educational certificates issued	24
Number of part-time employment permits issued	4
Number of full-time employment permits issued	0
Average number of days the Elementary Schools were in session	177
Number of days the High School was in session	183

# ATTENDANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1955

	Aggregate Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance	Number of Tardy Marks	Number of Dismissals
High School	14,744	80.56	88	84.34	95.61	241	46
Grade 8	5,422.5	30.63	34	32.23	95.06	23	2
Grade 7	7,354	41.55	44	44.10	94.22	47	0
Grade 6	4,233.5	23.92	25	24.99	95.72	33	5
Grade 5-6	3,722.5	21.03	21	22.35	94.09	14	2
Grade 5	4,099	23.16	24	24.18	95.78	18	4
Grade 4	7,116	40.20	44	43.02	93.44	9	13
Grade 3 (D)	4,105	23.19	25	25.03	92.65	7	0
Grade 3 (G)	4,325.5	24.43	26	26.53	92.08	10	1
Grade 2 (M)	3,939	22.25	23	24.82	89.65	15	3
Grade 2 (B)	4,806.5	27.15	27	29.98	90.56	8	6
Grade 1 (M)	3,345	18.90	20	20.84	90.69	12	0
Grade 1 (Z)	3,575.5	20.20	20	22.15	91.20	50	4
Total	70,788.0	397.17	421	424.45	93.13	487	86



# MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1955

## GIRLS

Ages	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
Grade 1	9	17															26
Grade 2		7	18	2													27
Grade 3			9	24	1												34
Grade 4				11	20	1											32
Grade 5					8	14											22
Grade 6						2	11	1		1							15
Grade 7						1	6	14	1	1							23
Grade 8								6	13	3							22
Grade 9									4	13	1						18
Grade 10										4	5	3					12
Grade 11											2	9					11
Grade 12												5	5				10
TOTAL	9	24	27	37	29	18	17	21	18	22	8	17	5				252

# MEMBERSHIP BY AGE AND GRADE, OCTOBER 1, 1955

## BOYS

Ages	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
Grade 1	11	25															36
Grade 2		6	17	2													25
Grade 3			9	18	2	2											31
Grade 4				10	12	2											24
Grade 5					6	13	1	2	2								24
Grade 6						4	12	7									23
Grade 7							3	11	4	2							20
Grade 8								2	14	5	2						23
Grade 9									2	10	1						13
Grade 10										6	5	3					14
Grade 11												3					3
Grade 12												5	4	3			12
TOTAL	11	31	26	30	20	21	16	22	22	23	8	11	4	3			248

# LIST OF TEACHERS — December 31, 1955

School	Name	Where Educated	Date of Appt.
High School and Elementary	Kenneth L. Sharp, Principal	University of Maine, B.S. M Ed.	1953
High School	Grenith M. Rose	Boston University, B.A.	1947
	Kathleen M. Crafts	Middlebury College, A.B.	1952
	Paul Heffernan	University of Kentucky, A.B.	1955
	Warren M. Kline	Boston College, A.B.	
	Raymond L. Valaitis	Boston University, M.A.	1954
	Lucille A. Zwicker	Bryant College, B.S.	1953
Elementary 8	William C. Kummer	Wheaton College, B.A.	1954
7-8	Harry L. Kummer	Wagner College, B.A.	1954
7	Mildred C. Hart	Wagner College, B.A.	1954
6	Seymour Kaitz	Jackson College, B.A.	1955
5	Alden P. Randall	Boston University, M. Ed., B.S.	1954
4-5	Beatrice H. Wood	Boston University, B.S.	1954
4	Esther F. Grant	Framingham State Teachers' College	1930
3	Frances R. Dustin	Bridgewater State Teachers' College	1946
3	Nancy Waters	Wheaton College, A.B.	1953
2	Ida L. Meade	Boston University, B.S.	1955
2	Phyllis M. Martin	Bridgewater State Teachers' College, B.S.	1953
1	Mary H. Zajac	Framingham State Teachers' College, B.S.	1954
1	Louise B. Spier	R. I. College of Education, Ed.B.	1952
Drawing	Warren S. Freeman	Massachusetts School of Art, B.S.	1945
Music	Harriet F. Washburn	Boston University, B. Mus., M. Ed., Ed. D.	1955
Music		Boston Teachers' College	1948

**REPORT OF TREE WARDEN**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of Tree Warden for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Appropriation			\$600.00
Labor	\$186.65		
Bancroft's, Inc. trimming	353.50		
	<hr/>	\$540.15	
Truck hire:			
Alec Fredrickson, truck	\$ 2.00		
tractor	4.00		
Town of Plainville, truck	51.80		
	<hr/>	\$ 58.70	
		<hr/>	\$597.95
Balance			<hr/>
			\$ 2.05

**REPORT OF DUTCH ELM CONTROL**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit my report on Dutch Elm Control for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Appropriation	\$400.00
State Tree Experts, spraying	\$400.00

Respectfully submitted,

ALEC FREDRICKSON,  
Tree Warden

**REPORT OF MOTH DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of the Moth Department for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Appropriation		\$500.00
Austin Bancroft, survey	\$75.00	
A. Fredrickson, tractor & loading	62.00	
Payrolls	361.59	
	<hr/>	\$498.59
Balance		<hr/>
		\$ 1.41

ALEC FREDRICKSON,

Tree Warden

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

During the year 1955 the trustees of the public library have worked faithfully to improve library service. At the present time we have some tangible progress to report as well as much careful background work for major improvements in 1956. Specific accomplishments of 1955 include:

1. Establishment of a basic reference collection which meets American Library Association standards for a small public library.

2. Cooperation with the teaching staff in acquiring books for school use.

3. Extension of library hours from five to six and one half hours per week.

4. Increase in librarian's pay from 60 cents to 75 cents per hour.

5. A good start in our program of weeding obsolete material from our book collection with cooperation from interested town groups.

6. Placing of a sign designating the use of the building and the library open hours upon the building.

7. Acquisition of a proper fire extinguisher.

8. Most important has been the survey of the library made by Mr. Harold A. Wooster, director of the Newton (Mass.) Free Library. His advice has been invaluable to the trustees, and a great deal of this information was made available to the townspeople when Mr. Wooster spoke to an open meeting. At that time those present discussed the library situation. The views aired there were also of value to the trustees. At that time the speaker donated his fee toward the purchase of encyclopedias and also presented a gift of books to the library.

9. At Mr. Wooster's suggestion the trustees invited the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities to examine the present library building from an historical and



architectural standpoint. Bertram K. Little and Abbott L. Cummings of that society thoroughly inspected the building on December 12, 1955. On the basis of their personal experience with similar situations, their report reveals that although the date of 1732 has been associated with the building there appears to have been a nearly complete reconstruction about 1800 with some of the original material reused. From this report and a conference with Mr. Little and Mr. Cummings the trustees learned that the building could be renovated without undue attention to accurate historical and architectural detail but retaining the antique atmosphere with contemporary copies of such items as hardware, wallpaper and windows.

In preparing to present our recommendations for improved library service and our request for funds to carry out these aims at town meeting, the trustees have sought expert advice and information. We have conferred with the state library extension personnel, local contractors, heating experts, other librarians, legal consultants and experts in several related fields. From several independent sources we were informed that to build and equip a new library, exclusive of books, which would adequately serve the town for a reasonable future would cost at least \$35,000. Feeling that the town's school building program precluded such expense by the library department, and believing that time was too short to intelligently present the alternative of a new building to the town for a vote at the 1956 town meeting, the group concentrated its efforts on gathering information on renovating and repairing the present library building. We have secured estimates which indicate that the present building can be thoroughly renovated, heated and equipped with modern shelving for a sum of money (approximately \$8,000) only slightly in excess of the sum which is held in the Library Stabilization Fund (\$5,987.79). We have further determined that this work should stand with only regular maintenance for about 20 years. Since heating the building is the necessary factor in extending library hours and improving services and since most of the proposed work is essential to heating the building and making it fit for public use, the trustees believe that we are justified in requesting to use available money to provide good library service without substantially increasing the tax rate.

We have examined the alternative of moving the library to some other existing quarters and after careful considera-

tion have concluded that no other location is available with the necessary qualifications. We presently occupy a building of sufficient size to house the book collection and provide work space. It is in the center of the community near schools, stores, churches and bus lines. It is on ground level which is a vital factor in serving the entire public. It is town-owned property, rent free, and covered in the town's regular insurance program.

In providing good library service to a community the first requirement is adequate housing. From this basis the trustees can then develop and extend the program of service. In Plainville, specifically, given the means to renovate and equip the present building, the trustees then propose the following improvements.

1. Utilization of the four ground floor rooms as follows, one for children, one for reference and reading with chairs and table, one to house the adult collection and one for staff use in preparing books, cataloguing, etc.

2. Separate lavatories for men and women also on the first floor.

3. The library will be open at least 20 hours per week on a schedule arranged to serve the most borrowers.

4. A professionally prepared catalogue for the use of the public. This will show all books owned by the library and will be cross-filed by subject, title and author.

5. A joint program with the schools wherein classes will be taught proper use of the library on library premises. Book talks will be offered to classes in the schools on new books.

6. Increased use of the library for community meetings and projects with reference material, periodicals and general reading available for all ages.

7. An expanded book buying program supplemented by collections of books on loan from the state.

To maintain these services in the present building after renovations are complete will require an annual budget of approximately \$2,500. This amount will be prorated in 1956 allowing for completion of repairs before the open hours are increased. This sum includes the dog tax.

That we have a borrowing public desirous of these services in this town becomes evident when we learn that Richards Memorial Library in North Attleboro has 400 active borrowers who reside in Plainville, while Attleboro Public Library has between 25 and 50 Plainvillites who are regular borrowers.

Statistics for the year follow.

	Circulation	1322	
Appropriation			\$800.00

Expenditures:

Violet Reynolds, librarian	\$153.00	
Elmer Pease, janitor	153.00	
Books and periodicals	426.58	
Fire Extinguisher	26.00	
Supplies	17.42	
Worcester County Electric Co.	11.00	
Transportation—Bertram K. Little	7.00	
Rent or Grange Hall—one evening	6.00	
	<hr/>	\$800.00
Balance		\$000.00

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA P. FLUCK  
RALPH L. POWER  
ALICE M. PEASE

Trustees

**DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report of Civil Defense activities.

Three trips were made to the Central Police Station, Fall River, Massachusetts, to Civil Defense Directors' meetings.

One trip was made to a state wide, Civil Defense Day, activity at Otis Air Force Base, Falmouth, Massachusetts.

During the last two hurricane scares, constant telephone contact was kept with the Sector Headquarters, Fall River.

Several men have been approached and have consented to give of their valuable time, to assist in the make up of a good workable Civil Defense Unit in Plainville. These men were appointed to their various jobs because they have had previous training in the type of work that their CD job requires. They are as follows:

**Assistant Director**

Mr. Edward Clegg, 55 Pleasant Street

**Radio Officer**

Mr. Eugene Hawkins, 11 Cottage Street

**Auxiliary Fire Chief**

Mr. Harry Cooper, 15 Lincoln Avenue

**Auxiliary Police Chief**

Mr. Earl A. Rose, School Street

**Medical Officer**

Dr. William Guillette, 34 School Street

I hope my choice meets with your approval, and that we, as a Civil Defense organization can in a short period of time, give to you and the people of the town, the feeling of security that is known in having a working Civil Defense Unit.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON E. CATE,  
Director

**REPORT OF THE PARK COMMISSIONERS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The year 1955 has been a very satisfactory one for the Town Park, in spite of many reverses, and unforeseen and unavoidable conditions.

We were most fortunate this year in having two very capable men in charge of the Park activities this summer. Mr. Kenneth Sharp supervised the athletic and playground programs with games and activities for children of all ages. Mr. Justin Cobb had charge of the swimming pool and classes were offered to children of all ages for Red Cross swimming certificates. Because it became necessary to close the pool in mid-summer, it was impossible to complete any of the courses.

It was most unfortunate that the swimming season in the pool had to end so early in the summer, but because of the Polio epidemic that was so prevalent at the time, it seemed that this was the only course to follow in the best interests of all the children of the town.

Attendance at all Park activities was excellent at the start of the season and indicated that new records would be set, however, the abrupt ending of the Park Summer Program also brought an end to the good attendance. We are looking forward to the summer of 1956, feeling sure it will prove to be the biggest we have thus far seen.

One of the highlights of the season was the start of a Little League Baseball Program. We are very pleased to have the Little League Baseball Teams use the facilities of our Park, and we hope by next summer to provide new bleachers on the ball field for the spectators.

The Fourth of July Committee has again offered assistance to the Town Park in the rebuilding of a portion of the swimming pool. This project will be a fine addition to our fast growing Park, and will be started as soon as weather and contracting arrangements will permit.



It seemed advisable to build the new bathhouse in conjunction with the swimming pool repair job, but neither has as yet been completed. We are accordingly returning to the Town, the money that was originally intended for the bathhouse, with the thought in mind that it will be re-appropriated and used during the coming year.

The new fence voted at the Special Town Meeting last Fall, has been installed around the swimming pool, and we are very grateful, as we feel this will not only make it a much safer place for all concerned, but will make it much easier to supervise the pool itself.

The parking lot in the Town Park was completed this year with the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen and the Highway Department. This is large enough to take care of many cars, and it is hoped that automobiles will not attempt to drive beyond the parking area.

A program of tree trimming and landscaping was started this year and it is hoped that some can be done each year towards the general improvement of the Park.

Work was completed on the pavilion to strengthen and support the structure and supply seats inside the pavilion.

Much work was done to improve the general appearance of our park by painting and repairing the buildings and equipment. This work was done by the supervisors during the period when the swimming pool was closed, and there were no park or playground activities.

We wish to thank all those who assisted in any way in the development of our park during the past year.

We cordially invite all of the townspeople to inspect the Park, and take advantage of the many facilities that it offers.

Respectfully submitted,

AUSTIN F. GRANT  
ROBERT J. FAWCETT  
ARTHUR W. MYERS, JR.

Park Commissioners



## Plainville Town Park Expenditures 1955

## PARKING LOT

Mack Construction Co.	\$ 303.46	
W. H. Riley & Co.	48.00	
M. F. Cash	22.50	
E. Skinner	12.25	
C. Ronhock	8.75	
E. Sharron	8.75	
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Total	\$ 403.71	\$ 403.71

## PAVILION &amp; BASEBALL PLAYERS BENCHES

Beauchaine & Son	7.65	
Riley Bros	29.16	
E. Hatt	50.75	
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Total	87.56	87.56

## EQUIPMENT

Frank R. Dinsmore Co.	186.95	
E. F. Holland Co.	12.25	
Austin Grant (Freight Bill)	23.01	
C. S. Cobb	110.18	
Franklin Hdwe. Co.	22.15	
The Carnegie Co.	1.85	
Mansfield Lumber Co.	6.41	
Riley Bros.	28.17	
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Total	390.97	390.97

## LABOR

Clinton Barton, Jr.	14.50	
Douglas Cole	4.50	
Henry Lightfoot	34.25	
John Grant	8.00	
John Nelson	6.50	
James McGee	17.00	
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Total	84.75	84.75

## SUPERVISION

Justin L. Cobb	450.00	
Kenneth L. Sharp	350.00	
Alden Randall	100.00	
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Total	900.00	900.00

## SUPPLIES

Robert Fawcett (Flowers)	10.00	
Plainville Water Dept.	5.00	
Walter Murphy	36.20	
Robert Fawcett (Supplies)	7.00	
Plainville Drug	3.00	
Schofield Hdwe. Co.	2.43	
C. S. Cobb	13.95	
James Munroe & Son	6.00	
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Total	83.58	83.58

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,950.57	\$1,950.57
Appropriation		2,500.00
Expenditures		1,950.57
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Balance		\$ 549.43
Swimming Pool Fence by Transfer at		
Special Town Meeting		\$ 900.00
National Fence Co.		900.00
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Balance		None

**REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Board of Engineers wish to thank the Board of Selectmen for their help and co-operation during the year 1955. We would also like to thank all of the townspeople and especially, Harry Cooper, Merrill Falk 2nd, Howard Bigelow, W. H. Riley & Son, Plainville Pump Co., Plainville Machine Works, Chief Elmer Pease and the members of the Plainville Police Department, and the Officers and members of this Department for helping us throughout the year.

At a reorganization meeting held on March 22, 1955, Clarence E. Skinner, Jr. was elected Chief with Robert Rammel and Donald E. McAlpine the other two members of the board as Deputy Chiefs.

The following men were appointed as Officers:

Norman Clark	Captain
Richard Cobb	Captain
Freeman Rogers	Captain
Robert Fawcett	Lieutenant
Stanley Myers	Lieutenant
David Lomasney	Lieutenant

Rev. John M. Bowmar was given the distinction of being appointed the first Fire Department Chaplain for the Town of Plainville with the rating of Lieutenant.

Ten members of the department were elevated from the substitute ranks to permanent status with eleven new members added to replace them. This gives the department a working complement of fifty men.

Ralph E. Snell a member of this department since 1917 was placed on the retired rolls upon reaching the maximum age limit covered by the Norfolk Retirement System.

A Stand-By system was organized this year to give added fire protection to the town. Also, with the advent of the new Dial Telephone system six telephones were installed. Two of these are at the Fire Station, one at Paulus' Soconyland Service Station, and one each in the homes of Chief Skinner, Jr. and Deputy Chiefs Rammel and McAlpine. This is known as the "Red Line" and is for reporting fires and emergencies only. The number of this phone is 9-2311. On all other calls to the Fire Station we would ask everyone to please Dial 5-5252.

We would like to call to the attention of the townspeople the new Fire Alarm listing on the cover of this report. We have made many changes on same for complete coverage of the new streets in town.

The department was placed on an alert basis twice during the hurricane season. Members of the department also rendered assistance to victims of the flood conditions brought on by Hurricane Diane which caused many homes and factories in town to have flooded cellars or boiler rooms.

The fire alarm system was not expanded this year to the extent planned as we felt it more important that all personnel have the essential equipment for fire fighting. Eighteen sets of Coats, Helmets and Boots were purchased to remedy this situation.

The Local Elementary School and the Dominican Academy were connected to our town system. The money for installing same at the Elementary School was voted at the Town meeting last year. The Dominican Academy's system was installed upon our recommendation. We assumed the cost of extending our system to the school.

At this time we would like to thank publicly the members of the department who worked on the fire alarm system without pay during the year.

On May 23rd and October 4th Fire Drills were held at all School Buildings. The results are as follows:

**May 23, 1955**

High School	90 pupils	56 seconds
Elementary School	354 pupils	75 seconds
Dominican Academy	220 pupils	70 seconds

**October 4, 1955**

High School	97 pupils	57 seconds
Elementary School	404 pupils	71 seconds
Dominican Academy	280 pupils	75 seconds

During Fire Prevention Week in October we held inspections at all schools and at the Rogers Rest Home.

During December, through the fine co-operation of the townspeople and the members of this department we collected toys, books and games which were distributed at Christmas to less fortunate families and also to the Children's Hospital at Camp Myles Standish and the Children's Polio Hospital at Bridgewater.

During the year a Standard First Aid Course was given to the members of the department by Clinton Barton, Red Cross Instructor. This year we hope to offer the same course to other members and also to have an advance course.

During the year we answered 62 box calls, 7 still alarms, 6 Resuscitator calls, 4 calls for our emergency lighting equipment, and numerous calls for investigation.

The listing of the box calls is as follows:

House	25
Grass & Woods	31
Automobile	3
Out of Town	3

The Board of Fire Engineers have placed two articles in the Town Warrant which we feel are very necessary for the protection of the townspeople and their property. We hope everyone will give each article a great deal of consideration before the town meeting.

One article is for the appropriation of a sum of money for the purchase of a two-way Communication system. With the growing of the town the need for this has greatly increased. The number of calls have tripled in the last fifteen years and during the past year there were numerous occasions when radios would have saved valuable time and been of great assistance to the department.

The other article is for the appropriation of a sum of money to establish a permanent day-time Fire Department. Due to the lack of industry in town the majority of our members work elsewhere. This leaves us very short handed during the day-time. Again with the growing of the town, especially the new developments which are a mile or better from the station our responsibility has more than tripled itself. Everyone connected with fire fighting knows that the first few minutes of a fire or emergency are what counts the most. It can mean the saving of a human life or your property which is the primary duty of this department. As we are set up now the important minutes are used up while the men are traveling from their place of employment to the fire station. Also, where we have so few during the day that can answer an alarm we can never be sure whether we will have drivers to operate the apparatus or not. With a small permanent department whoever was on duty would be a driver and could have the equipment needed on the way to the fire.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.  
ROBERT H. RAMMEL  
DONALD E. McALPINE



## Salaries:

Chief Clarence E. Skinner Jr.	\$318.69	
Dep. Chief Robert Rammel	127.80	
Dep. Chief D. E. McAlpine	129.51	
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		\$576.00

## Captains:

Norman Clark	73.49	
Richard Cobb	76.85	
Freeman Rogers	59.95	
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		210.29

## Lieutenants:

Robert Fawcett	54.78	
Stanley Myers	53.78	
David Lomasney	65.78	
John M. Bowmar, Chaplain	70.86	
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		245.20

## Everett Skinner:

Salary	64.36	
Truck Maintenance		
(8) months	50.00	
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		114.36

## Alton E. French

Jan. 1 thru March 21	59.96	
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## Chester Meyer

Jan. 1 thru March 17	22.28	
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## Charles Breen, Jr.

Jan. 1 thru March 21	11.95	
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		94.19

## Salary: Balance of Men:

1,472.65

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\$2,712.69

## Allowance for Telephones:

Chief: Clarence E. Skinner, Jr. 10.00

Dep. Chief: Robert Rammel

3/18-12/31	7.87	
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Dep. Chief: Donald McAlpine

3/22-12/31	7.76	
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Alton E. French 1/1-3/21

2.24

Chester Meyer 1/1-3/17

2.13

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30.00

Janitor

70.00

North Attleboro Gas Co.

5.62

Worcester County Electric Co.

113.50

New England Telephone Co.

237.54

V. H. Blackinton Co.		
Badges		92.25
Harry Dunnebier Insurance Agency		
Insurance on Men		145.23
Lynch Electric Co.		
Repair and Rewind Compressor Motor		74.00
Charles H. Clougherty Co.		
Fire Extinguisher		61.95
Charles S. Cobb's Garage:		
Gasoline	167.50	
Supplies	56.52	
Labor, Painting and Repairing		
Ford Combination	25.00	
Labor, Clutch Plate, Pressure		
Plate, Grease Ford Comb.	56.10	
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		305.12
Maxim Motors:		
Hand Brake Reel	2.75	
Pressure Relief Valve	17.00	
Suction Hose	90.84	
Paint	5.16	
Car Plates: Chief and		
2 Dep. Chiefs	7.91	
Coat, Boot and Helmet Straps	54.78	
Hose Fittings and Nozzel	44.88	
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		223.32
J & H Electric Co.		
Sump Pump Repair		12.25
Plainville Pump Co.		
Sump Pump Repair		12.85
Jesse Franklin, Jr.		
Labor for year 1952		25.00
Justin A. McCarthy Co.		
500 Ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ " Booster Hose		
Chev. Tank Truck	431.20	
Nozzle & Fittings	61.89	
3 Traffic Belts-Fire Police	13.50	
Rubber Coats & Boots	452.31	
Helmets	224.95	
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		1,183.85
The Gamewell Co.		
1 - Gong	55.85	
Equipment for Alarm Hookup		
with North Attleboro	128.23	
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		184.08

Franklin Hardware Co.		
Fire Alarm System:		
Cross Arms & Supplies	346.03	
Walter Murphy Paint Co.		
Fire Alarm System: Paint	12.06	
Industrial Welders Supply		
Oxygen Tank & 1 Refill	76.00	
Miscellaneous Expenditures:		
Line-O-Tank	37.50	
Thorpe Electric, Supplies	7.21	
Refill CO2 Extinguisher	19.00	
Keys, Station	5.00	
2 Beam Hand Lights	17.50	
Printing, Forms for Oil Storage	5.25	
Office Supplies	3.60	
Memorial Wreath	4.00	
3 Rain Hats, Drivers	4.75	
Paint	2.43	
	<hr/>	106.24
Norfolk County Fire Association:		
Fire Warden's dues	5.00	
Labor—Pumping Flood 8/19-8/21:		
Walter Coleman	18.75	
Joseph Fountain	22.50	
George Clarke	20.63	
Russell Skinner	11.25	
Norman Clark	6.25	
Byron Schofield	16.25	
David Lomasney	5.00	
Thomas Mullaney	6.88	
Daniel Hunt	16.88	
Dep. Chief D. E. McAlpine	13.75	
Chief, Clarence E. Skinner, Jr	24.38	
(The above to be reimbursed by State)		
	<hr/>	162.52
Appropriation	\$6,025.00	
Trans.—Finance Committee	172.52	
	<hr/>	\$6,197.52
Expended		6,197.10
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Balance		\$ .42

**Forest Fires**

Payroll			\$902.48
Chief:			
Clarence E. Skinner, Jr.	\$50.31		
Dep. Chiefs:			
Robert Rammel	16.75		
Donald E. McAlpine	42.81		
		<hr/>	109.87
Alton E. French	14.00		
Chester Meyer	14.00		
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Captains:			
Norman Clark	34.06		
Richard Cobb	30.93		
Freeman Rogers	9.05		
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Lieutenants:			
Robert Fawcett	9.39		
Stanley Myers	18.46		
David Lomasney	34.69		
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Balance of Men:			628.03
		<hr/>	\$902.48
Transferred from Ex-Ord. Res.			\$902.48

**REPORT OF THE WATER COMMISSIONERS**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The year 1955, again was a very busy year for the Plainville Water Department.

During the year 114 new services were installed, six were renewed, and one hydrant repaired after an automobile accident. The hydrant replacement was covered by insurance and was replaced at no expense to the town.

Two additional hydrants were repaired, one of these after inspection was found to be beyond repair and was consequently replaced.

To aid the town in proper installation of water services, etc., the Water Department drew up; and accepted by the board of Selectmen, a set of specifications to be followed by all interested parties when installing services, etc. This should help the town see that all the proper methods are used in the best interest of all the townspeople. The primary purpose of these specifications of course refer to developments where new water mains and so forth are necessary. This we feel is a step in the right direction to eliminate any possible misunderstanding between the town and the builder and vice versa.

The metering program, while not being finished as readily as we should like, is however, proceeding at a satisfactory rate and the entire town should be metered by spring.

At a special town meeting the Board of Water Commissioners had an article inserted in the warrant calling for a committee to investigate the advisability of combining the Highway Department and the Water Department into a single unit. The Water Commissioners feel that this could result in savings for the town.

The growth and development of the water distribution system during the past three years has been far beyond any

expectation. We have gained almost 33% in water takers since 1952. Any gain of this magnitude consequently results in more work and more time for the Commissioners. Obviously the Commissioners cannot spend all day supervising the installation of water mains, etc., as can well be seen it is not there main vocation. Consequently in the interest of the Town it is felt that in order to have the best efficiency; as well as the knowledge that a job is well done it is recommended strongly that a move be made to combine the water and highway departments into a single unit.

### Water Extensions

The Water Department supervised the work on four water extensions, that of Taunton Street, Cross Street, Walnut Street, and completion of George Street. The following information is hereby forwarded on those projects.

#### Taunton Street

A total of 2,350 feet of six (6) inch cast iron water mains were installed with 4 hydrants, 2 valves being used.

Appropriation		\$8,200.00
H. R. Prescott	\$ 940.54	
J. Iacuzzi	2,216.00	
Warren Pipe & Foundry	4,078.07	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	782.00	
Reardon Lynch Co.	16.68	
Police Dept.	33.75	
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Expended		8,069.04
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Balance		\$ 130.96

A total of 600 feet six (6) inch cast iron water main and one hydrant and one valve was installed on Cross Street.

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
H. R. Prescott	\$164.95	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	156.40	
Warren Pipe & Foundry	978.00	
Stoughton Crushed Stone Co.	43.18	
Louis Morrell	657.47	
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Expended		2,000.00
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Balance		\$ 0.00



At the annual Town Meeting the voters requested through a vote of yea that the Water Department see that 700 feet of new water main be installed on Walnut Street.

After advertising for bids and receiving no bid that was within the budget set up by the department, the department contracted to do the work without calling for new bids.

Work was started and one valve installed. It was obvious as soon as excavating began that there would be a lot of blasting necessary in order to complete the job. The contractor was unable to post a bond of sufficient size to comply with the Fire Regulations and consequently work was stopped.

Appropriation		\$2,300.00
H. R. Prescott	\$ 105.45	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	156.40	
Warren Pipe	1,512.20	
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Expended		1,774.05
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Balance		\$ 525.95

The water project on George Street was finished this year with one hydrant installed.

Balance on Hand		\$180.81
Rensselaer Valve Co.	\$156.40	
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Expended		156.40
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Balance		\$ 24.41

#### Engineering Account

The Engineering Account was set up at the annual Town Meeting in order to have a set of maps and drawings showing the location of all gates, hydrants, shut-offs and so forth drawn up for use of the Water Department. This has been done and we have a very complete set of drawings.

Appropriation		\$1,000.00
Edward, Peterson, Civil Engineer	\$995.00	
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Expended		995.00
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Balance		\$ 5.00

**Water Meters**

Last year at the request of the North Attleboro Water Commissioners a water meter was installed on the West Street-West Bacon Street line. This year the water meter on the North Washington Street line has been repaired.

There still remains more work to be done on the West Bacon Street-West Street line during 1956.

Balance on Hand		\$496.45
Rockwell Mfg. Co.	\$111.12	
Renselaer Valve Co.	22.65	
Byron Schofield	17.00	
North Attleboro Water Dept.	129.97	
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Expended		280.74
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Balance		\$215.71

**Meter Account**

As stated earlier in this report the metering project is nearing completion and this year in October, we will render bills based on metered service.

Balance on Hand		\$1,860.19
Appropriation Special Town Meeting		4,500.00
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Total		\$6,360.19
Rockwell Mfg. Co.	\$3,723.67	
Rockwell Mfg. Co.	21.40	
Thomas Groom	19.22	
Schofield Hardware	1.98	
Charles Lynch	39.93	
Byron Schofield	1,493.74	
Raymond Poirier	70.50	
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Expended		5,370.44
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Balance		\$ 989.75

**General Account Expenditures**

Appropriation	\$8,000.00	
Special Town Meeting	1,200.00	
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Total		\$9,200.00

North Attleboro Water Dept.	\$4,682.64	
H. R. Prescott	949.75	
J. Iacuzzi	150.00	
Charles Lynch	297.83	
Rensselaer Valve Co.	156.40	
Crestwood Homes	320.88	
Louis Morrell	1,673.10	
Sentinel Press	4.50	
C. Caldwell Co.	11.56	
Hilco Supply	27.75	
Parker Danner Co.	22.50	
Office Supplies (Postage Stamps)	3.00	
Plainville Machine Tool	4.95	
North Attleboro Chronicle	129.54	
Town Highway Dept.	20.35	
Town Highway Dept.	83.20	
Byron Schofield	42.20	
Plainville Pump Co.	12.00	
Stoughton Crushed Stone Co.	69.50	
Schofield Hardware	1.63	
Sadie Abazaid (Overpayment)	15.00	
Commercial Press	4.85	
Carnegie Co	123.30	
Theodore Wickman	90.30	
Charles Pease	27.20	
Thomas Groom Co.	66.41	
Ruth Fulton	10.50	
Emil Therrault	6.00	
M. F. Cash	305.00	
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Expended	9,211.84	
Less Credit (Rockwell)	21.40	
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Balance		\$ 9.56
	<b>Salary Account</b>	
Appropriation		\$600.00
Alton French	27.06	
David Lomasney	177.06	
Gordon Proal	150.00	
Sheldon E. Smith	245.88	
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Expended		600.00
Balance		\$ 0.00

During the year the town purchased from the North Attleboro Water Department a total of 59,324,250 gallons of water at the cose of \$4,682.64.

Payments Made:

March 14	\$ 66.67	
July 27	2,232.36	
December 31	1,183.61	
January 1, 1956	1,200.00	
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Total		\$4,682.64

The January 1, 1956 payment is money that was appropriated at the Special Town Meeting but not be be spent until January 1, 1956.

**Financial Statement**

Rates and Supplies	\$9,169.14	
Paid Treasurer	7,104.53	
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Water Rates Due		\$2,064.61

**Recommendations for 1956**

Water Pumping	\$5,000.00	
Salaries	600.00	
Maintenance	4,150.00	
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		\$9,750.00

Respectfully submitted,

GORDON S. PROAL  
DAVID B. LOMASNEY  
SHELDON E. SMITH

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

The Board of Health took care of several major complaints this year. Most of these have been adjusted to the satisfaction of the Board.

Mr. Putnam Steele, Sanitation Inspector, inspected all eating establishments of the town, together with his quarterly inspection of all milk and cream sold in the town. We wish to thank him for his fine cooperation.

Inspection of all drain fields and cesspools on the new projects have been under the control of this Board, in conjunction with FHA and VA.

After a meeting with the Wrentham Board of Health, concerning a piggery near the towns' boundary line, and operating without a license, we decided not to allow these pigs in Plainville, and withheld permit.

The Town Dump has been kept in good condition by the Highway Department, but several times out-of-town people have created a hazard and trouble by dumping tree stumps, logs and trimmings on top of the banking. We wish to thank the townspeople who have cooperated with us in dumping over the bank, thereby leaving it in good condition for the next person.

We wish to thank Chief Clarence E. Skinner, Jr., and his Department for their assistance in pumping out polluted wells in the country which were affected by flood waters.

Diseases on file, show the following:

Chicken Pox	30
Dog Bite	5
German Measles	2
Measles	46
Mumps	22
Scarlet Fever	1
Salmonella Carrier	1
Poliomyelitis	3

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
LEROY B. WILSON  
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.  
Plainville Board of Health

Appropriation	\$2,500.00
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John Bielecki,	
Collection of Garbage	\$1,200
Henry Stierli, Rental Town Dump	150.00
Putnam Steele,	
Sanitation Inspector	250.00
Earl Thompson: Insp. Animals;	
Slaughtering and Milk	180.00
Bristol County Hospital,	
Board and Care	24.50
Maurice D. Grant, M.D.	
Town Physician	100.00

## Miscellaneous Expenses:

Care Veteran's Graves	\$138.00	
Polio Supplies, Admin-		
istering vaccine	24.15	
H. Sperry, funeral	150.00	
Hobbs & Warren, forms	24.82	
Casey Ambulance	20.00	
Miscellaneous	246.08	
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		2,497.55
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Balance		\$ 2.45



**REPORT OF WIRING INSPECTOR**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Town of Plainville, Mass.

In 1955 application were received for wiring as follows:

97 New Houses

14 Changes from 2 wires to 3 wire services

6 Changes from 60 ampere to 100 ampere services

94 Oil Burners

53 Water Heaters

86 Electric Ranges

1 Gasoline and Service Station complete with pumps, etc.

1 Meat Market and equipment

1 Coal dealers office, gas pump and equipment

2 Laundry dryers

1 Package store and equipment

There are many services that are inadequate for the added appliances, such as, ranges, water heaters, laundry dryers, deep freezers, air conditioners, etc.

It would be advisable to consult the Worcester County Electric Company, regarding their new Residential and Farm Service Plan.

The cooperation of the contractors, home owners and the Worcester County Electric Company is appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES G. HAYES,

Inspector of Wires

## ASSESSORS REPORT, 1955

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Board of Assessors for the year ending December 31, 1955.

Total Appropriations at Town Meeting	\$291,729.87
Overlay Reserve	7,575.86
Total appropriations	\$299,305.73
Total estimated receipts	\$137,844.20
Amount to be raised by taxation	161,461.53
	\$299,305.73
Taxes Committed:	
Real Estate @ \$58.00 per thousand	\$139,901.51
Personal Property @ \$58.00 per thousand	20,286.02
Poll Tax, 637 @ \$2.00	1,274.00
	\$161,461.53
Excise Tax:	
Total valuation of cars assessed	\$677,230.00
Total tax assessed	29,480.17
Number of cars assessed	1405
Number of dwelling houses assessed	769
Number of acres assessed	63,060
Number of polls	637
Total valuation of Real Estate	\$2,412,095.00
Total valuation of Personal Property	349,759.00
Total:	\$2,761,854.00

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK V. HENRICH  
CHARLES J. QUIRK  
SYDNEY J. ANDREWS

Board of Assessors

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

As directed by you, I submit herewith my report as Treasurer for the Town of Plainville, for the accounting period from January 1, 1955 to December 31, 1955. This report reflects all financial transactions during the period under review and is supported by the following schedules:

Schedule of Cash Received

Schedule of Cash Payments

Schedule of Estimated Receipts

Schedule of Appropriations, Balances carried forward, Transfers, amounts expended and unexpended balances.

Schedule of Maturing Debt and interest payments due by years.

Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1955 including Trust Accounts and Debt Account.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD OSTERHOLM,

Treasurer for the Town of Plainville

Dated January 19, 1956

**CASH RECEIVED****December 31, 1955**

Tax Levy—1952 Account	\$ 11.50
Tax Levy—1953 Account	3,618.39
Tax Levy—1954 Account	9,337.86
Tax Levy—1955 Account	141,349.91
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	\$154,317.66
Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance	8,898.11
Aid Dependent Children	259.27
Disability Assistance	226.94
Old Age Assistance—Adm.	622.61
Disability Assistance—Adm.	57.93
Aid Dependent Children—Adm.	16.88
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	\$ 10,081.74
State and County Aid—Highway	12,481.62
School Lunch	13,630.77
School Athletic	413.50
Hurricane Relief	2,240.25
Machinery Reserve—Highway	1,418.30
Anticipation of Revenue—Note	30,000.00
Dog Tax Refund—County	735.60
Appropriation Refunds	632.02
Estimated Receipts—Schedule	104,509.90
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Total Receipts	\$330,461.36
Cash Balance January 1, 1955	43,077.80
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	\$373,539.16

**CASH PAYMENTS****December 31, 1955**

Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds—1954 a/c	\$ 36.79
Motor Vehicle Excise Refunds—1955 a/c	167.47
Water Rates Refunds	15.00
Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance	8,314.80
Aid Dependent Children	245.05
Disability Assistance	188.94

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Old Age Assistance—Adm.	712.07	
Aid Dependent Children—Adm.	45.80	
Disability Assistance—Adm.	30.00	
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	\$	9,536.66
Abatement 1955 a/c		29.00
School Lunch		14,741.66
School Athletic		894.51
Anticipation of Revenue—Note		30,000.00
State and County:		
County Tax	3,790.53	
State Park Tax	311.96	
Municipal Audit	704.49	
County Hospital	1,651.81	
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	\$	6,458.79
Dog Tax—County		747.60
Post War Rehabilitation		16,470.50
Appropriation Control—Schedule		261,158.21
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	\$340,256.19	
Cash balance December 31, 1955		33,282.97
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	\$373,539.16	

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS SCHEDULE

December 31, 1955

## FROM COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Old Age Assistance	\$ 10,764.54
Disability Assistance	88.92
Income Tax	10,884.42
Corporation Tax	9,385.89
Meal Tax	562.50
Aid Dependent Children	54.25
School Fund	10,700.00
Agricultural—Live Stock	50.00
License	16.00
Reimbursement—Tax Loss	26.69
Youth Service	436.18
Vocational Education	391.70
State Tax	3,205.54

Educational Transportation	2,529.84
Superintendent of Schools	1,493.33
School Building—Capital	9,971.40
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	\$ 60,561.20

## Other Receipts:

Excise Taxes—1954 Account	3,558.85
Excise Taxes—1955 Account	23,555.77

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\$ 27,114.62

Water Rates	7,114.53
Tax Titles	174.22
Dog Taxes—County	534.53
Interest and Charges	638.85
District Court Fines	745.00
Rent of School Buildings	245.00
Sale of Wood	172.25
Milk Licenses	38.00
Tuitions	80.00
Welfare—City of Attleboro	80.85
Oil Burner	38.00
Town Clerk—Licenses	6,179.50
Sealer of Weights	60.15
Permits—Selectmen	710.05
Library Fines	2.15
Police—Gun Permits	21.00
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	\$ 43,948.70
Total Receipts from Estimates	<hr/>
	\$104,509.90



**SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS—DECEMBER 31, 1955**  
**SCHEDULE OF MATURITIES AND INTEREST PAYABLE YEARLY**

December 31	\$50,000.00 Issue	\$275,000.00 Issue	Total Issue	Balance December 31st	Interest Payable
1955	\$5,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$225,000.00	
1956	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	205,000.00	4,500.00
1957	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	185,000.00	4,100.00
1958	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	165,000.00	3,700.00
1959	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	145,000.00	3,300.00
1960	5,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	125,000.00	2,900.00
1961		15,000.00	15,000.00	110,000.00	2,500.00
1962		15,000.00	15,000.00	95,000.00	2,200.00
1963		15,000.00	15,000.00	80,000.00	1,900.00
1964		15,000.00	15,000.00	65,000.00	1,600.00
1965		15,000.00	15,000.00	50,000.00	1,300.00
1966		10,000.00	10,000.00	40,000.00	1,000.00
1967		10,000.00	1,000.00	30,000.00	800.00
1968		10,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	600.00
1969		10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	400.00
1970		10,000.00	10,000.00		200.00

# APROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS, EXPENDITURES AND BALANCES

Accounts	Appropriations	Refunds and Transfers	Payments	Balance
Public Library	\$ 800.00	.....	800.00	.....
Selectmen a/c	3,900.00	.....	3,823.90	76.10
Treasurer	1,100.00	\$ 66.50	1,166.24	.26
Town Clerk	725.00	.....	709.46	15.54
Voting Lists	100.00	.....	100.00	.....
Voting Booths	95.00	.....	90.60	4.40
Assessors	2,300.00	50.00	2,184.33	165.67
Tax Collector	1,200.00	.....	1,140.16	59.84
Registrars	850.00	.....	846.80	3.20
Sealer of Weights & Measures	110.00	.....	110.00	.....
Veterans Benefits	300.00	.....	78.00	.....
Highways & Bridges	5,400.00	.....		222.00
Street Signs	200.00	.....		
Grading School	1,000.00			
Hurricane		800.00		
Town Truck	4,200.00			
Flood Relief		1,184.08	12,784.08	.....
Town Auditor	200.00	.....	100.00	100.00
Memorial Day	200.00	.....	184.75	15.25
Interest—Bonds	4,900.00	.....	4,900.00	.....
Interest—Temporary Loans	200.00	.....	166.25	33.75
Fire Dept.	6,025.00	172.50	6,197.10	.40
Street Lights	6,390.00	.....	6,026.90	363.10
Water Dept.—General	8,600.00	21.40	8,611.84	9.56
Water Dept.—Mapping	1,000.00	.....	995.00	5.00
Board of Health	2,500.00	.....	2,497.55	2.45
Police Dept.—General	7,330.00	.....	7,282.28	47.72
Police Dept.—Cruiser	2,550.00	.....	2,426.66	123.34
Police Dept.—Radio	750.00	.....	480.00	270.00
Tree Warden	600.00	.....	597.95	2.05
Town Forest	75.00	.....	75.00	.....

Snow Removal	3,385.92	.....	3,724.88	338.96
Public Park—General	2,500.00	6.41	1,957.13	549.28
Public Park—Fence	900.00	.....	900.00	.....
Support of Schools	95,250.00	33.85	95,273.01	10.84
Town Bldg. Maintenance	1,200.00	.....	1,187.94	12.06
Maturing Debt	20,000.00	.....	20,000.00	.....
Town Officials Bonds	234.20	.....	234.20	.....
Welfare Agent	900.00	.....	900.00	.....
Moth Department	500.00	.....	498.59	1.41
Town Dump	300.00	.....	295.00	5.00
Highway—Chapter 90	1,050.00	1,999.02	3,047.96	1.06
Highway—Chapter 81	4,500.00	9,350.00	13,849.74	.26
Drainage	2,200.00	.....	2,199.32	.68
County Retirement	1,127.44	.....	1,127.44	.....
Wire Inspector	250.00	.....	200.00	50.00
Regional School	1,190.76	3,729.50	4,787.43	132.83
Library Committee	.....	100.00	.....	100.00
Welfare Agencies	16,500.00	453.86	19,598.12	2,644.26
Dutch Elm	400.00	.....	400.00	.....
Old Cemetery Care	300.00	.....	293.54	6.46
Vocational Education	1,000.00	.....	411.95	588.05
Water-Meter Account	4,500.00	2,356.64	5,651.18	1,205.46
Water Extensions:	.....	.....	.....	.....
George Street	.....	180.81	156.40	24.41
Cross Street	2,000.00	.....	2,000.00	.....
Walnut Street	2,300.00	.....	1,774.05	525.95
Taunton Street	8,200.00	.....	8,069.04	130.96
Repairs	2,500.00	200.00	1,346.00	1,354.00
Sidewalks	2,000.00	.....	1,614.20	385.80
Insurance	3,300.00	.....	3,265.26	34.74
T. B. Program	100.00	.....	100.00	.....
Highway Garage	9,000.00	.....	18.50	8,981.50
Forest Fires	.....	902.48	902.48	.....
Land Purchase	1,000.00	.....	1,000.00	.....
Water Dept. Special 1956 a/c	1,200.00	.....	.....	1,200.00
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	\$253,388.32	\$ 21,607.05	\$261,158.21	\$ 13,837.16

# TOWN OF PLAINVILLE, BALANCE SHEET—DECEMBER 31, 1955

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$33,282.97	FEDERAL GRANTS	
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		Old Age Assistance	9.50
Tax Levy 1954 Account	3,002.87	Aid Dependent Children	19.95
Tax Levy 1955 Account	15,742.92	Disability Assistance	248.19
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX		Old Age Assistance-Adm.	40.26
Levy of 1954 Excise	184.08	Disability Assistance-Adm.	34.36
Levy of 1955 Excise	3,996.67	Aid Dependent Children-Adm.	16.88
			368.74
DEPARTMENTAL		REVENUE RESERVES	
Water Rates & Supplies	2,079.61	Motor Vehicle Excise	4,180.75
TAX TITLES & POSSESSIONS		Water Rates & Supplies	2,079.61
Tax Titles	404.50	Tax Titles	404.50
Tax Possessions	467.41	Tax Possessions	467.41
		State Aid to Highways	4,865.31
STATE AID TO HIGHWAYS	871.91		11,997.58
Chapter 81		OVERLAY RESERVES FOR ABATEMENT	
MISCELLANEOUS		Tax Levy 1954 Account	38.39
State & County Taxes	4,865.31	Tax Levy 1955 Account	3,178.16
			3,216.55
OVERDRAFTS & APPROPRIATION CONTROL		SPECIAL ACCOUNTS	
Snow Removal	153.74	School Lunch	51.19
Welfare Departments		School Athletics	24.76
			75.95
REVENUE ACCOUNT		APPROPRIATION BALANCES	
Water Rates & Supplies	2,983.22	Regional School Committee	132.83
		Library Committee	100.00
		Water Meter Account	1,205.46
		Walnut St. Water Extension	525.95

Highway Garage	8,981.50	
Water Dept. General Account	1,200.00	12,145.74
MISCELLANEOUS		
Overlay Surplus	1,863.64	
Road Machinery Account	156.35	
Sale of Real Estate	1,389.00	
Dog Tax Collection	1.80	3,410.79
Surplus Revenue		37,147.95
	<u>\$68,363.30</u>	<u>\$68,363.30</u>

# REHABILITATION-STABILIZATION FUNDS & TRUST ACCOUNT

Post War Rehabilitation—Bonds		
Post War Rehabilitation—Cash	\$20,000.00	26,999.12
Library Stabilization—Cash	6,999.12	5,987.79
School Fund—Cash	5,987.79	727.30
	<u>727.30</u>	
	<u>\$33,714.21</u>	<u>\$33,714.21</u>

# NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT

Funded or Fixed Debt	\$225,000.00	\$225,000.00
	School Building	

## REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit to you my report as Collector of Taxes for the year ending December 31, 1955.

		Uncollected	Collected	Abated	Un- collected
<b>1952 Account</b>					
Real Estate		71.87	11.50	60.37	None
<b>1953 Account</b>					
Personal		1,103.60	995.60	108.00	None
Real Estate		2,676.79	2,622.79	54.00	None
<b>1954 Account</b>					
Personal		2,325.42	1,018.00	27.00	1,280.42
Real Estate		10,161.11	8,319.86	118.80	1,722.45
Excise	3,313.74				Overcollected
Jan. Warrant	932.55	4,246.29	3,558.85	503.36	212.61 28.53
<b>1955 Account</b>					
	Warrant	Collected	Abated	Tax Title	Un- collected
Poll	1,276.00	1,252.00	6.00		18.00
Personal	20,286.02	18,063.75	222.14		2,000.13
Real Estate	139,901.51	122,034.16	4,142.56	17.40	*13,707.35
Excise	29,480.47	23,555.77	1,928.03		**4,000.25
* Short	.04	** Over	.02	Overcollected	3.56



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	1952	1953	1954	1955
Interest paid Treasurer	.92	197.69	244.59	45.36
Charges paid Treasurer	.35	10.15	68.60	58.10
Appropriation				\$1,200.00
Salary			\$800.00	
No. Attleboro Chronicle, Printing			83.00	
J. F. Brennan, P. M., Stamped envelopes			110.58	
G. P. Denison Dept., Coll. of Taxes				
Salary & Bond			30.00	
Hobbs & Warren, Books			28.25	
Collectors & Treasurers Asso., Dues			4.00	
Typing			50.00	
A. W. Myers, Repairing Adding				
Machine & Typewriter			16.25	
Miscellaneous supplies			18.08	
			<hr/>	1,140.16
Balance				<hr/> \$59.84

Respectfully submitted,

T. A. WICKMAN,

Collector of Taxes

**REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The Highway Department has completed a very busy year. The usual amount of maintenance of roads, catch basins and drainage problems were taken care of satisfactorily. The floods of August 18th and 19th brought many problems. The north side of School Street from Pleasant Street to Highland Avenue was washed out. The debris filled the basins and blocked the School Street drain between Spring Street and South Street. The sidewalk on the south side of School Street between Spring Street and Pleasant Street was badly damaged. School Street was widened ten feet from the property of Mr. Semple to Highland Avenue and sealed, and a shoulder has been installed to prevent any further damage. Many of the other streets in town required additional patching. Temporary repairs were made to Rhodes Street, Hawkins Street and Fuller Street.

Spring Street, Potter Avenue, Warren Street, Peck Road, High Street, Green Street, School Street, Hillside Road, Mirimichi Street were sealed and sanded.

Maple Street, Broad Street and East Bacon Street from Route 1A to Route 1 received a stone treatment.

Mathurin Road, Cooney Avenue and 1,100 feet of Mirimichi Street, were penetrated and sealed.

A drainage system containing 450 feet of pipe and 5 basins were installed on East Bacon Street at the George Street intersection.

Under a joint Chapter 81 and town appropriation, the Pleasant Street drainage job was started. Four basins were installed, and 600 feet of 18" concrete pipe was laid. It is recommended that this drainage continue to the intersection of Pleasant Street and Lincoln Avenue this year, and that future drainage be installed on Lincoln Avenue in an easterly direction to tie in with existing drainage at the corner of Grove Street.

The following sidewalks were completed: South Street from Paulus' Gas Station northerly to Shopping Center, a distance of 100 feet. The State Department of Public Works installed the curbing and the town installed 500 feet of sidewalk on the easterly side of South Street between Broad Street and Maple Street. About 400 feet of sidewalks on the easterly side of South Street between East Bacon Street and Ivor Avenue was surfaced, which eliminated many hazardous conditions in the old cement sidewalk. A section of the South Street sidewalk in front of the Plainville Stock Company was repaired and black topped. On West Bacon Street about 700 feet of sidewalk from South Street, westerly, to the Whiting & Davis Company parking lot. The base for a sidewalk on School Street between Spring Street and Pleasant Street was installed, but cold weather interfered with the laying of the black top. This accounts for the unexpended balance in the sidewalk account. We urgently ask for a continuation of the sidewalk project this coming year.

A large section of the old Cemetery on West Bacon Street was rota-tilled, limed and seeded and presents a much better appearance. A small section remains to be completed.

The area in front of the new Elementary School received about 2,600 yards of fill and subsoil. About 600 yards of this fill came from the Pleasant Street drainage job, and the balance from the town gravel pit. We have a huge pile of loam, about 600 yards, which will be spread and seeded this coming year.

The maintenance of the Town Dump on Cowell Street demanded quite a bit of attention this past year.

In submitting this report, I wish to thank your Board and members of this Department for the cooperation shown during the year 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

EVERETT W. SKINNER,

Superintendent of Streets

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

This has been a busy year for the Board of Selectmen, with problems created by the growth of the Town. We believe, however, that demanding larger lots with a minimum of 125' frontage, and 15,000 square feet will be for the best interest of the town.

The Town Highway Garage has been held up temporarily, due to a technicality in the vote of the Park property being used for such purpose. This will require an act of Legislature, and the matter is being taken care of by Representative Edna B. Telford.

The Selectmen and Police Chief Elmer C. Pease combined their efforts in purchasing a Police Cruiser, emergency equipment, and two-way radio, as voted by the townspeople. We feel that this new equipment has added greatly to the efficiency of the Department.

The coordination of Flood Control agencies proved difficult for a while, as the responsibilities became State, Federal and Town. All reimbursements were subject to audit, and inspection of all work to be done was required before any action could be taken. We recently received word that our projects had been approved, and would be done with town labor. Upon completion, the State Flood Control Board would reimburse the town \$6,900.

Roads in the three major projects have not as yet been accepted by this Board, as we are not satisfied with some existing conditions. The developers have agreed to remedy these situations as soon as weather permits.

Building permits totaling approximately \$700,000 were issued since April 1st. This source of information has been very valuable to many of our town departments.

We feel that certain repairs are needed for the Town Office building, which includes repair of the roof and painting the shingles.

The Board has considered widening the Cooney Avenue bridge in the near future.

This year the Selectmen intend to rebuild George Street from Route #106 to Route #1, under Chapter 90, new construction. State and County paying three-fourths of the cost. This work to be done by town Highway Department.

The new Town Gravel Pit has proved very helpful in repairing highways, backfilling water and drainage trenches and fill for the Elementary School lawn. Approximately 6,000 yards were used this year.

This year a separate report has been compiled by the Highway Department, which heretofore has been included in this report

The Board acknowledges the excellent cooperation of all Town Departments during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
LEROY B. WILSON  
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.

Plainville Board of Selectmen

## SELECTMEN'S CURRENT AND INCIDENTALS

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Appropriation		\$3,900.00
Board of Selectmen, salaries:		
Arthur W. Washburn,		
Chairman	\$500.00	
LeRoy B. Wilson	400.00	
Lyman H. Parmenter, Jr.	400.00	
Ruth R. Fulton, clerk	367.50	
	\$1,667.50	
Election and Town Meeting Expenses:		
Elections	272.50	
Special Town Meeting	26.00	
Town Reports	1,060.35	
Warrants and ballots	110.25	
	1,469.10	
County and States Dues	31.00	
Legal fees and claim	212.65	
Permits & forms:	69.80	
Advertising	12.25	
T. Valentine; maintenance	8.50	
W. Burton, blueprints	7.00	
Postage	9.00	
Civilian Defense expenses	23.10	
Water, Town Office & Am. Legion	20.00	
Worc. County Electric Company	15.20	
New England Tel. & Tel.	209.70	
Misc. supplies and equipment	69.10	
	687.30	
	\$3,823.90	
Balance		\$ 76.10

## Chapter 81

Appropriation	\$ 4,500.00
Transfer	9,350.00
	\$ 13,850.00
Labor	\$ 4,501.81



To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
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## Materials:

## Mack Construction Co.:

RC-2	\$1,244.45	
RC-5	145.04	
MC-2	413.36	
MC-3	217.56	
	<hr/>	\$2,020.41

## Trimount Bit. Products Co.:

RC-2	455.00	
Am. Bitumuls & Asphalts: RS-1	11.00	
Dorrance Co. Gravel	57.00	
S. Lorusso & Sons, Inc., stone	229.42	
W. C. S. Wood & Sons, Cal. chloride	68.87	
Stoughton Crushed Stone Co., Mix	274.18	
Highland Sand & Gravel; Crushed bank	51.50	
Rosenfeld & Stone: Sand	1,028.70	
Norfolk Asphalt: Mix	132.56	
M. F. Cash: Gravel	12.60	
N. E. Concrete Pipe: Pipe	1,382.30	
E. L. LeBaron: frame & covers	223.20	
State Prison Industries: inlets	3.50	
Southeastern Construction: blocks	220.65	
	<hr/>	\$6,170.89

## Miscellaneous Supplies:

Incidentals	10.00	
Benker's Service Sta., gas & oil	93.89	
Attle. & Plainville Coal: cement	5.39	
Nerney Motor Sales, supplies	21.30	
Thorpe Automotive, supplies	28.94	
Charles S. Cobb, gas, oil, etc.	89.64	
	<hr/>	\$ 249.16

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Truck & Machinery Hire:		
J. Iacuzzi, backhoe		30.00
M. F. Cash — truck hire	\$294.75	
Shovel	285.00	
Loader	151.40	
		<hr/> 731.15
Dyar Sales: Sweeper hire		105.13
Ralph Kettell, mower		192.00
Alec Fredrickson, tractor	\$313.00	
Truck	154.00	
		<hr/> 467.00
Mervin Gay, roller		82.50
W. H. Riley & Son: grader	324.50	
Backhoe	40.50	
Compressor	4.50	
		<hr/> 369.50
Town Plainville: truck hire		950.60
		<hr/> \$2,927.88
		<hr/> \$13,849.74
Balance		.26

**HIGHWAY—Chapter 90**

Appropriation	\$1,050.00	
Transfer	1,999.02	
		<hr/> \$3,049.02
Payrolls	\$838.05	

**Material:**

Stoughton Crushed Stone, Type I	\$ 93.50
Highland Sand & Gravel, peastone	38.85
Am. Bitumus & Asphalt:	
MS-4 & RS-1	21.65
N. E. Concrete Pipe Corp., pipe	473.22
Mack Construcion, RC-5	290.08
E. L. LeBaron, frames, etc.	187.80

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
S. Lorusso & Sons, stone	322.72	
State Prison Industries; inlets	10.50	
Diamond Match, lumber	7.65	
S. E. Construction Co.: blocks	137.17	
Misc. supplies, cement, etc.	29.67	
L. Grimaldi, blasting	25.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,637.81
Truck hire:		
W. H. Riley & Son:		
backhoe	\$285.75	
loader	64.00	
grader	16.50	
	<hr/>	366.25
M. Gay, roller	71.25	
M. Cash, loader	45.00	
Town of Plainville, truck hire	89.60	
	<hr/>	572.10
	<hr/>	\$3,047.96
Balance:		<hr/> \$1.06

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT****Appropriation:**

Highways & Bridges	\$5,400.00
Street Signs	200.00
Grading Elementary School	1,000.00
New Town Truck	4,200.00

**Transfers:**

Hurricane	800.00
Flood Relief	1,184.08
	<hr/> \$12,784.08

**HIGHWAY—Center Town**

Labor	\$2,494.50
Materials:	
Norfolk Asphlt, mix	\$105.50
Highland Sand & Gravel,	18.55
Stoughton Crushed Stone, mix	38.78
	<hr/> 162.83

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Automotive Supplies:		
Nerney Motor Sales	150.38	
Thorpe Auomotive	55.11	
Clarke-Wilcox	19.23	
Charles S. Cobb	394.01	
Eastern Tire Sales	337.94	
Benker's Service Station	100.37	
Alva Paulus	41.15	
Al's Service Station	272.07	
Hastings Service Station	46.30	
Peeble's Texaco Station	47.74	
Plainville Machine Works, repairs	138.88	
Atlas Body & Welding	33.00	
		1,636.18
Highway Supplies:		
Sears Roebuck, transit & level	222.95	
Franklin & Perkins, brooms	25.00	
Bay State Marine, chain	25.80	
Smith Highway Equipment	42.33	
Parker-Danner	64.28	
Dyar Sales, brooms	11.50	
Schofield Hardware	28.38	
Franklin Hardware	22.81	
W. H. Riley & Son, pipe	4.20	
R. Skinner, 2nd hand heater	10.00	
C. O'Brien, Rental torch	5.00	
Miscellaneous supplies	256.17	
		718.42
Truck & Machinery Hire:		
W. H. Riley & Son, backhoe & grader	65.25	
A. Fredrickson, tractor	8.00	
Dyar Sales & Machinery, rental sweeper	10.85	
P. Caron, hire rig saw	90.00	
		174.10
		\$5,186.03

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
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**STREET SIGNS**

Files Equipment Company, signs	176.39	
Reardon & Lynch, pipe	15.81	
Diamond Match Company, lumber	7.80	
		200.00

**GRADING ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GROUNDS**

Labor	\$ 141.50	
Truck & Machinery Hire:		
W. H. Riley & Sons, bulldozer	483.00	
M. F. Cash, truck hire	193.00	
M. Gay, truck hire	72.00	
Alec Fredrickson, truck hire	64.00	
Town of Plainville, truck hire	46.20	
		858.20

**NEW HIGHWAY TRUCK**

Nerney Motor Sales, truck	\$3,399.30	
Misc. supplies	29.57	
C. S. Cobb, chains	44.94	
Thorpe Automotive Corp., supplies	24.91	
Files Equipment, flashing light	15.00	
E. J. Bleiler Equipment Co., electric lift	457.00	
		\$3,970.72

**HURRICANE**

Labor	336.70	
Bancroft's, trees	106.24	
Alec Fredrickson	86.50	
M. F. Cash	185.00	
		714.44

**FLOOD RELIEF**

Labor	969.10	
Material:		
Stoughton Crushed Stone,	165.00	
Norfolk Asphalt	102.30	
Alva Paulus, gas	45.66	

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Truck hire:		
Alec Fredrickson	91.50	
M. F. Cash	78.00	
W. H. Riley & Son	403.13	
		\$1,854.69
		\$12,784.08

## DRAINAGE ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$2,200.00
Labor	\$213.25	
Materials:		
Kopper's Company, T-3	\$115.88	
Norfolk Asphalt, mix	140.25	
West Sand & Gravel, bank	6.75	
W. H. Riley & Son, supplies	30.00	
State Prison Industries, inlets	14.00	
Stoughton Crushed Stone, mix	254.10	
A. R. Brais, stakes	4.80	
S. E. Construction Co., blocks & rings	13.72	
N. E. Concrete Pipe Corp., pipe	314.64	
Attleboro & Plainville Coal, supplies	65.68	
		\$1,173.07
Truck hire:		
W. H. Riley & Son:		
backhoe	\$675.00	
Compressor	19.50	
Ford dump	51.75	
		746.25
Alec Fredrickson, truck hire	77.00	
Town of Plainville, truck hire	203.00	
		\$1,026.25
		\$2,199.32
Balance		\$.68
Appropriation	\$ 2,700.00	
Overdraft	685.92	
		\$3,385.92



To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
Labor	\$1,121.80	
Columbian Steel Co., blades	\$ 75.32	
International Salt Co., Cal. chloride	472.50	
Mack Constr., Co., sand	217.69	
Rosenfeld Sand & Stone, sand	1,019.57	
W. K. Gilmore, salt	433.50	
	<hr/> 2,218.58	
Truck & Machinery Hire:		
M. Falk II, plowing	45.00	
Alec Fredrickson, loading sand:	\$135.00	
plowing snow:	40.00	
truck hire:	7.00	
	<hr/> 182.00	
Town of Plainville, truck hire	157.50	
	<hr/> 384.50	
		<hr/> 3,724.88
Overdrawn:		<hr/> \$338.96

## SIDEWALKS

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Payrolls:	\$	291.25
Stoughton Crush Stone Co., Mix		293.70
Alec Fredrickson, loam & gravel		21.00
	<hr/> \$	605.95
Truck & Machinery Hire:		
M. G. Gay, roller & installing sidewalk	\$928.00	
W. H. Riley & Sons, compressor	6.75	
John G. Walsh, scoop	10.50	
Alec Fredrickson, truck hire	63.00	
	<hr/> \$1,008.25	
		<hr/> \$1,614.20
Balance:		<hr/> \$ 385.80

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
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**OLD CEMETERY ACCOUNT**

Appropriation:		\$300.00
Labor & Seed	\$287.75	
Schofield Hardware Co., rake	2.79	
Bay State Marine: rental power roller	3.00	
		<u>293.54</u>
Balance		\$6.46

**TOWN DUMP ACCOUNT**

Appropriation:		\$300.00
Labor	\$136.25	
M. F. Cash, gravel	38.00	
		<u>\$174.25</u>
Truck Hire:		
M. F. Cash: tractor	18.00	
Shovel	78.75	
Loader	24.00	
		<u>120.75</u>
		<u>\$295.00</u>
Balance:		\$5.00

**HIGHWAY REPAIR—TAUNTON ST. AFTER WATER**

Appropriation:		\$1,800.00
Labor	\$829.00	
Stoughton Crushed Stone: Mix	429.00	
Mervin Gay, roller	88.00	
		<u>1,346.00</u>
Balance:		\$454.00

**VETERANS BENEFITS**

Appropriation		\$300.00
Expended		78.00
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Balance		\$222.00

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
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**WELFARE AGENT**

Appropriation		\$900.00
Ruth Fulton, part salary		\$900.00

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANT**

Cash Aid	\$8,314.80	
Debit balance 1/1/55	573.81	
	<hr/>	\$8,888.61
Rec'd Fed. Gov't. 1955	\$8,785.31	
Refunds	112.80	
	<hr/>	\$8,898.11
Balance		<hr/> \$9.50

**OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant Ad'm.**

Balance 1/1/55	\$129.72	
Rec'd Fed. Gov't 1955	622.61	
	<hr/>	\$752.33
Ruth Fulton, part salary	\$570.00	
Travel & expenses, refund	142.07	
	<hr/>	712.07
Balance		<hr/> \$40.26

**AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—Federal -Grant**

Balance 1/1/55	\$5.33	
Rec'd Fed. Gov't. 1955	259.27	
	<hr/>	\$264.60
Expended		245.05
Balance		<hr/> \$19.55

**AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—Federal Grant Adm.**

Balance 1/1/55	None
Rec'd Federal Gov't 1955	\$16.88

To Whom Payable	Amount	Total
<b>DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant</b>		
Balance 1/1/55	\$210.19	
Rec'd Fed. Gov't 1955	226.94	
		\$437.13
Expended		158.94
Balance		\$278.19
<b>DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—Federal Grant Ad'm</b>		
Balance 1/1/55	\$52.23	
Rec'd Fed. Gov't 1955	57.93	
		\$110.16
Postage	\$30.00	
Agency Membership APWA	30.00	
Refund Travel & expenses	45.80	
		\$105.80
Balance		\$4.36

## REPORT OF THE KING PHILIP REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE

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Since March, 1955, your Regional School Committee has held 46 regular meetings and approximately 20 special meetings. It has also made a number of visits to other schools and has met frequently with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission (hereafter referred to as the M. S. N. A. C.) and with officials of the Massachusetts Department of Vocational Education. By following this program it is felt that we have taken full advantage of all state aid as well as technical advice available to us.

### Organization

On April 7, 1955 an organization meeting was held at which the following officers were elected: Hugh McC. Marshall, Chairman; Edward H. Hemmingsen, Vice-Chairman; Seth A. Armen, Treasurer; and Phyllis B. Bailey, Secretary. At this time it was also voted that Mr. Frederick J. Delaney would become the Regional Superintendent, when this office was to be filled, and that the School Superintendents of Norfolk and Plainville, presently Mr. George C. Roy and Mr. Laurence G. Nourse, would become Assistant Superintendents. However, until these positions are filled, about July 1956, these three men were engaged to work as Educational Consultants. As the work progressed, other Committee members were appointed to assume responsibility for various phases of the work such as: Mr. Melvin Chevers, publicity and art work; Mr. Roger Goodwin and Mr. Alvin Freeman, Insurance; Mr. Arthur Bond to work on acquiring land and titles in cooperation with our Counsel, Mr. Harry Webb; Mr. Clarence Skinner, Jr. on fire protection and safety; Messrs: Freeman, Goodwin and Chevers on salaries, and Messrs: Edward Hemmingsen and John Ravinski as organizers and committee representatives of the Vocational advisory groups. Mr. Hemmingsen on Machine Shop and Mr. Ravinski on Carpentry and Woodworking.

The Vocational Advisory groups to whom we are grateful for their able assistance are as follows:

**Machine Shop**

Mr. Lawrence Beaupre of Metals & Controls in Attleboro.

Mr. Doliver White of the Foxboro Company in Foxboro.

Mr. George E. Clentimack of the George Clentimack Company in Plainville.

Mr. James Damato of Crosby Ashton in Wrentham.

**Carpentry Shop**

Mr. Clinton Barton of the Foxboro Company in Foxboro.

Mr. Edward R. Kussmall, Contractor in Franklin.

Mr. Elmer Swenson of Swenson Bro. & Pine Tree Lumber Co., Franklin.

Applicants for positions of Clerk of the Works were interviewed on June 15th and Mr. Leo F. Tetreault of Walpole was chosen by the Committee on June 29th.

**School Site**

As previously reported, the decision to build the Regional School on Franklin Street was made after thoroughly investigating six other locations and finding that the contour of the land and character of the soil made it the most economical from the standpoint of grading and drainage. Professional appraisers established fair land values. A topographical survey was made by Mr. John Warren.

The results of percolation tests and borings were excellent. Approval was obtained from the Town Planning Board of our general plot plan and a new right of way for owners of lake shore property and the land was purchased after a public hearing was held for all owners and abutters.

A small parcel of land has been purchased between Shears and Franklin streets upon recommendation of the Mass. Highway Dept. in order to obtain a safe and practical main entrance for school busses from Route #140.

Every effort has been made to execute the land purchasing with fairness and consideration and the Committee sin-



cerely appreciates the cooperation received from the land owners.

### **Roads and Entrances**

In locating and obtaining approval of entrances and exits to the school property the Committee has consulted with and followed the advice of our architect, state and local highway engineers and town officials. Provision is being made for other possible entrances and exits should the need arise at some future date.

### **Building Plans**

The Educational Specifications, drawn up by the Consultants, formed the basis from which they arrived at space requirements. These gave the architect information required for preliminary plans. Many drawings were submitted, much time spent in study and many changes made after our first meeting on plans with the M.S.B.A.C. before preliminary plans were finished and approved by the Educational Consultants, the Committee and the M.S.B.A.C. on November 2, 1955. The teachers from the three towns were also consulted in this work to get their advice and suggestions on details affecting the facilities in their various fields of instruction.

Between November 2nd to January 18th, 1956 when final plans were submitted by the architect, frequent meetings were held with his engineers to work out details of equipment coming under the general contract. Equipment to be used for instruction and recreation will be purchased under separate contract.

Four sets of final plans were delivered to the Committee on January 18th for study by the members from the three towns, the Consultants and Clerk of the Works. Specifications were ready a week later and a meeting is scheduled with the M.S.B.A.C. for January 30th to get their final approval.

### **Vocational Training Program**

The Vocational School program has been set up in accordance with State regulations and with the advice of Mr. Leslie J. Nutting, Supervisor of Trade and Industrial Education, who has been very helpful and cooperative. Based on surveys

conducted by him and the Consultants, he recommended the teaching of House Carpentry and Machine Shop Practices. At this same time, Messrs: Hemmingsen and Ravinski were appointed as Committee representatives to organize and carry on the work of the vocational advisory groups for the Machine and Carpentry Shops. The names of group members from industry are listed under Organization.

On November 16th, Mr. Nutting accepted the machinery lists suggested by the advisory committees and a month later obtained free, two lathes with all attachments valued at \$4,-608.00 from government surplus. We hope to get additional tools and equipment from this source for both shops.

The background and knowledge of Messrs: Hemmingsen and Ravinski, together with the advice of industrial men on the vocational advisory committees has made it possible to plan for extensive training on both shops.

The woodworking shop is planned so that it will be flexible, offering instruction in house framing, cabinet and interior finish work, as well as millwork and the erection of prefabricated homes in accordance with the demands of this locality.

The Machine shop will be equipped to lay a good foundation for training in this field so that students will be prepared for more advanced work and study either in industry or schools.

In addition to the two vocational shops, a strong industrial arts program will be included in the regular school curriculum. An experienced and capable director will administer the vocational program and advise on industrial arts, working closely with guidance and other school officials. He will start work early and assist in setting up the shops and installing equipment so that the program will be well organized when school opens.

### **The Architect**

In choosing Walter F. Gaffney Associates, as our architect we feel that we are fortunate. His contract was not signed

until June 3rd but he had already done much preliminary work. Mr. Gaffney, his assistants and engineers have been most cooperative and open minded to suggestions. They have devoted an immense amount of time to the work and have been glad to meet with the Committee and Consultants at all times.

### **Publicity and Budget Information**

In accordance with the agreement drawn up in our brochure, the Regional School Committee has endeavored to keep town officials and voters posted on our plans and progress. This has been done through numerous press releases, open P.T.A. meetings and conferences with Selectmen, Finance Committees, and other Town Officials. The name King Philip was chosen on April 21st after receiving suggestions from students in all three towns. The school seal, designed by Mr. Chevers, bears King Philip's mark or symbol which he used in signing treaties with the early settlers.

All information pertaining to the financing of the regional school has been covered with the three towns. In review—\$15,000 was voted by the three towns on November 15, 1954 at special town meetings for preliminary planning and an additional \$5,000 was voted at the regular town meetings in March 1955 for operating expenses. On June 1, 1955 the Committee voted to bond for \$110,000 to cover architect fees and other planning costs and so notified the Selectmen of the three towns. Professional estimates of school building costs were received on October 5, 1955 and reported to town officials at a meeting held on October 27, 1955. The 1956 budget was approved on November 23, 1955 and on December 14, 1955 it was voted to bond in the amount of \$2,215,000. Notices were sent to the selectmen of the three towns on December 16th and subsequently this information was released to all local newspapers. It should again be pointed out that over \$100,000 of this amount will be reimbursed by the State in payment of planning costs. This is not part of the percentage the state pays toward the building cost.

As this goes to press on January 24, 1956, our schedule calls for plans and specifications to be submitted to contractors for bid on February 6th. Sub bids will be due and received on March 6th and general contract bids opened on March 9th.

As soon thereafter as possible the general contract will be awarded and construction started.

The chairman and members of the Regional School Committee wish to express their sincere appreciation for the full cooperation received from all towns people and officials. Every effort will be made to justify the confidence placed in them.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH McC. MARSHALL, Chairman

EDWARD HEMMINGSEN, Vice-Chairman

SETH ARMEN, Treasurer

ARTHUR M. BOND

MELVIN CHEVERS

ALVIN J. FREEMAN

ROGER L. GOODWIN

JOHN RAVINSKI

CLARENCE E. SKINNER, JR.

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, ss.

To Either of the Constables of Plainville,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Plainville qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in Elementary School Auditorium in said Plainville, on

MONDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF MARCH 1956, A.D.

at six-thirty o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

Article 1. The following Town Officers to be chosen by ballot, viz; one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one Auditor, one Tree Warden, and three Constables for one year. One Selectman, Board of Public Welfare, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Trustee Public Library, one Park Commissioner, one Treasurer, one Tax Collector, and two members of School Committee for three years.

For this purpose the polls will open at 6:30 o'clock in the forenoon and may be closed at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

For the consideration of all other articles in this Warrant the meeting will be adjourned to 7:30 p.m. of said day in the Auditorium of the Elementary School on South Street in said town.

Article 2. To choose all other necessary Town Officers not named in Article 1, for a term of one year.

Article 3. To consider and act on the reports of the Selectmen, Treasurer, and other Town Officers.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Moderator	\$25.00 each Annual Meeting
	15.00 each Special Meeting
Town Clerk	500.00 per year
Town Treasurer	800.00 per year
Selectmen, chairman	500.00 per year
Second Member	400.00 per year
Third Member	400.00 per year
Assessors, chairman	600.00 per year
Second Member	600.00 per year
Third Member	600.00 per year
Tax Collector	800.00 per year
School Committee, chairman	75.00 per year
School Committee, each member	60.00 per year
Water Commissioners, Chairman	150.00 per year
Second Member	150.00 per year
Third Member (Secretary)	300.00 per year
Auditor	200.00 per year
Constables	1.50 per hour
Tree Warden	1.50 per hour

or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 6. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise such sums of money as may be required to defray Town charges for the financial year ending December 31, 1956 and expressly for the following purposes to wit:

1. For the support of the Public Library.
2. For the Selectmen's current expenses and salaries.



3. For the Treasurer's current expenses and salary.
4. For the Town Clerk's current expenses and salary.
5. For the Assessor's current expenses and salaries.
6. For the Tax Collector's current expenses and salary.
7. For the Board of Registrar's current expenses and salaries.
8. For the salary of Town Auditor.
9. For the Sealer of Weights and Measures' current expenses and salary.
10. For Board of Health current expenses and salaries.
11. For Wire Inspector, salary and expenses.
12. For Fire Department for current expenses and salaries.
13. For Water Department incidentals, pumping and salaries.
14. For support of School and salaries of School Committee.
15. For the payment of Insurance.
16. For Veterans' Benefits.
17. For Highways and Bridges, center of Town.
18. For Memorial Day.
19. For interest on Temporary Loans and Maturing Debt.
20. For Police Department
21. For Tree Warden.
22. For Removal of Snow.
23. For Park Commissioners.
24. Town Forest Committee.
25. For heating and maintenance of Fire Station and Town Office Building.
26. For maturing debt.
27. For Welfare Agent.

28. For Street Lights.
29. For Moth Department.
30. For Drainage Program.
31. For Vocational Education.
32. For Sidewalk Program.
33. For Regional School District Com.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to have the surety of the Collector of Taxes, Deputy Collector of Taxes, Treasurer, Town Clerk, Secretary of the Water Commissioners and Clerk of the Selectmen's bond placed with a fidelity or guarantee company, and appropriate a sum of money to pay for the same.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a Reserve Fund to provide for the extraordinary unforeseen expenses, as authorized by Section 6, Chapter 40, General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the operation of Road Machinery or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds

in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for all control work against the Dutch Elm Disease, as set forth by Section 13, Chapter 761, Act of 1949, to be expended under the direction of the Moth Superintendent, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,421.08, this being the amount apportioned to Plainville as its share of the cost of the Norfolk County Retirement System, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00, or any other sum, for the use of the athletic department of the schools, as provided for in Chapter 658, Acts of 1950, a revision of Sec. 47, Chapter 71, of the General Laws, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,000, for the carrying on of the different categories of Welfare, made up approximately as follows: General Welfare, \$2,500; Aid Dependent Children, \$1,000; Old Age Assistance, \$12,500. and Disabled Persons, \$3,000, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Department of Public Works of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for an allotment of Chapter 90 Funds for the widening and rebuilding of George Street from Route 106 in a northwesterly direction to Route 1 and raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of \$10,050.00 to pay the cost of the work. The money to be raised as follows: the Town's share of \$2,550.00 to be raised by taxation, and to transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$7,500.00 to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipts to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated surplus revenue funds in the Treasury the sum of \$4,500.00 for the repair of road damage caused by the rain and floods of 1955. The reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated surplus revenue funds in the Treasury the sum of \$2,400.00 for repair to culverts on Cowell, Taunton and George Streets caused by rain and floods of 1955. The reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to have its Street Lights put on an all night burning schedule and the money to pay for same to be raised under Section 28 of Article 6.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 or any other sum, for the continuation of the water system and for the necessary road repair after the installation of water on Taunton Street for about 2,500 feet or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200 or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of street and traffic signs, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500 or any other sum, for the filling and grading of the New Elementary School grounds, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100. or any other sum for the treatment of tuberculosis patients having a legal settlement in this town as provided for by Chap. 270, Acts of 1952, repealing Chap. 562 of the Acts of 1951, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that part of the vote taken on Article 28 at the 1955 Annual Town Meeting that calls for the installation of water on Walnut St. The amount of money remaining in this Walnut St. account, about \$525. be transferred to Article 27 of this Warrant, to help pay for the cost of installing water on Fletcher Street, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to rescind that part of the vote taken on Article 29 at the 1955 Annual Town Meeting, that calls for the repair of Walnut St., after installation of water. The amount of money remaining in this repair of Walnut St. account, about \$700., be transferred to Art. 28 of this Warrant to pay for the cost of repairing Fletcher St., after Water installation, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise, and appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$1400. or any other sum, for the installation of six inch cast iron water main on Fletcher St. from its present terminus, for a distance of approximately 400 feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer, the sum of \$400. or any other sum for repair of road on Fletcher Street after installation of water, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer the sum of \$1000. or any other sum for Civilian Defense, or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer the sum of Three thousand five hundred (\$3,500.00) dollars or any other sum for the installation of water main on Cross Street for a distance of approximately one thousand feet, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer the sum of One thousand (\$1,000.00) dollars or any other sum for the repair of Cross Street, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. (Petition)



Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 670 Acts of 1955 of the General Laws, an act relative to increasing the amounts of Pensions, Retirement allowances and Annuities payable to certain former public employees, or do or act in any manner relative thereto. The increases granted under this act with respect to Pensions, Retirement Allowances or Annuities payable by a Town shall take effect when accepted by a Town by a majority vote at a Town Meeting.

Article 33. To see whether the Town will vote to renovate, repair and equip the present library building and to raise and appropriate \$8,000.000 to pay for said renovations and equipment or do or act in any manner relative thereto. Said appropriation to be raised in the manner following: \$5,987.79 by transfer from the Library Stabilization Fund and \$2,012.21 by taxation.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to equip the fire apparatus with a two-way radio system or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to establish a permanent daytime fire department or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,983.22 to pay the following overdrafts: Welfare \$2,644.26, Snow \$338.96 or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for savings banks, and to be placed in a fund known as the Post-War Rehabilitation Fund in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943; this money to be earmarked for the building and equipment of an addition to the new Elementary School building or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Surplus Revenue Account to be used



by the assessors for the reduction of the tax rate or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Article 39. To choose any committee and to hear the report of any committee and act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof in seven (7) Public Places in said town, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at or before the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-six.

A true copy.

Attest:

Constable of the Town of Plainville

This                      Day of February, 1956.

ARTHUR W. WASHBURN  
LEROY B. WILSON  
LYMAN H. PARMENTER, JR.

Selectmen of Plainville

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